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of
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of Alberta
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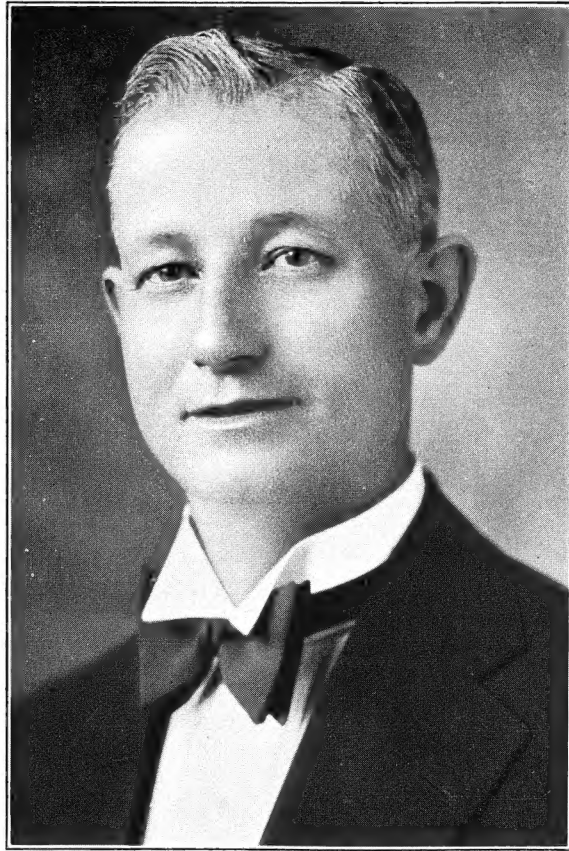
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Yours Fraternally,

John A. McGhee

Grand Z. 1931.

JAMES ANDREW McGHEE
Grand First Principal

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Most Excellent Companion J. A. McGhee was born at Sarnia, Ontario, on May 14th, 1886.

He received his elementary education and attended High School in Ontario, and on coming to this Province he went to the Alberta College in Edmonton.

On November 6th, 1915, in Calgary, he married Miss Edith Low. This lady died on October 13th, 1920, leaving in his care two daughters, Bernice and Evelyn. His second marriage, to Mrs. Helen Williams, took place on January 23rd, 1930.

He is a member of the United Church of Canada, and for twenty-five years the I.O.O.F. has claimed not a little of his time.

That he is not unmindful of his duties as a citizen is evidenced by the fact that the communities amongst which he has lived have benefited by his services both on the School Board and as a Town Councillor.

Amateur sport, also, has found in him a firm supporter and consistent friend, not merely because reasonable participation in games is a thing good in itself but rather that "a sound mind in a sound body" is to him a truism. Sportsmen have delighted to do him honor, and he is President of the Didsbury Curling Club and Past President of Baseball, Hockey, Golf and Fish and Game Clubs.

His working hours are spent in the service of the great C. P. R. Company.

Taking a keen interest in all those things that continuously confront a man vividly aware of his obligations to society and to himself, Most Excellent Companion McGhee's chief interest has ever been in the great organization that last year conferred on him its supreme honor.

He was initiated into Masonry in Carstairs Lodge, No. 20, Carstairs, Alberta, later transferring his membership to King Hiram Lodge, No. 21, Didsbury, of which Lodge he became Worshipful Master in 1922.

Exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Alberta Chapter, No. 1, on April 23rd, 1913, he transferred to

Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 23, at Didsbury, and became its first Principal.

On April 29th, 1921, he was knighted in Cyprus Preceptory, No. 33; he received the degrees of the Scottish Rite to the 14° in September, 1923, the 18° in 1925, in the Lodge and Chapter at Calgary, and the 32° in the Consistory in Edmonton.

In 1928 he was D.D.G.M. for District No. 4, Grand Lodge of Alberta, and in 1921 Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter, becoming Grand Scribe N. in 1922, Grand J. in 1929, and Grand H. in 1930.

He is a member of the Order of High Priesthood of Alberta, and of the A.A.O.N.M.S., Al Azhar Temple, Calgary; and is a charter member of St. Hilda's Chapter O.E.S., serving as Patron in 1925.

In all that concerns the Chapter and the Lodge his interest knows no abatement. His friends are to be found wherever he is known.

This bare recital of our Companion's Masonic work will suffice to show the stature of the man and should engender in us the determination to do zealously and enthusiastically whatever we may to uphold the honor and strengthen the fabric of our great institution.

PROCEEDINGS
of the
Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta
at the
Eighteenth
Annual Convocation
1932

Held in the
City of EDMONTON, Alberta
March 16th-17th, 1932

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Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Eighteenth Annual Convocation Proceedings

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on the 16th and 17th days of March, A.D. 1932, A.I. 2462.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. James A. McGhee	Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Samuel H. Middleton	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. George B. McLeod	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. William T. Coote	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. James R. Flan	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Frederick S. Selwood	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. William M. McNab	Past Grand First Principal
R. E. Comp. Joseph V. Follett	Grand Second Principal
R. E. Comp. Archibald West	Grand Third Principal
R. E. Comp. Finley B. Watson	Grand Supt. District No. 1
R. E. Comp. James Rennie	Grand Supt. District No. 2
R. E. Comp. James McDougall	Grand Supt. District No. 3
R. E. Comp. John H. Richardson	Grand Supt. District No. 6
R. E. Comp. Frederick J. Hand	Grand Scribe N.
R. E. Comp. William Baxter	Grand Principal Sojourner
R. E. Comp. William C. Black	Grand Treasurer
R. E. Comp. Andrew Davison	Grand Senior Sojourner
R. E. Comp. Cyril A. MacPherson	Grand Lecturer
V. E. Comp. Leon F. Pinkerton	Grand Master 3rd Veil
V. E. Comp. Harry C. Neal	Grand Organist
V. E. Comp. John Hope	Grand Pursuivant
V. E. Comp. William H. Day	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. Albert J. Taylor	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. Neils A. Bolli	Grand Steward
Comp. John L. Johnstone	Grand Tyler

DELEGATES PRESENT

Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary.

M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood and R. E. Companion Frederick J. Hand.

North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton

M. E. Companions Frederick S. Watson and George B. McLeod; R. E. Companions George W. Elliott, Archibald West and Archibald B. McCurdy; V. E. Companions William Baxter and John Hope, and E. Companion Garnett L. Tipp.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, Medicine Hat

E. Companion Clarence W. Niblock.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge.

E. Companion William R. Fowler (proxy).

Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River.

E. Companion Percy Taylor, Z.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Wetaskiwin.

R. E. Companions George D. Wallace and Findlay B. Watson, and E. Companion Albert J. Taylor.

Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod.

M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton (proxy).

Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Creek.

E. Companion Leland W. Walkey.

Otuskawan Chapter, No. 9, Calgary.

M. E. Companion James R. Flan; R. E. Companions Walter E. Mercer and Joseph V. Follett; E. Companions John C. C. Spence, Wilfred Pearson and Joseph J. Webster.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, Gelichen.

R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett (proxy).

Calgary Chapter, No. 11, Calgary.

M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside (proxy); R. E. Companions William C. Black and Andrew Davison, and E. Companion William F. Howarth, Z.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer.

M. E. Companion William T. Coote (alternate proxy).

Capital City Chapter, No. 13, Edmonton

M. E. Companion W. E. McNab; R. E. Companions George S. Armstrong, Joseph G. Morris and Roy M. Lambertson; V. E. Companion Frederick J. Summerill; E. Companions Alexander Riddick, Kenneth Fraser, Walter Hill, George Rait, Z. and John Clevely, H.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, Vermilion

M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison; R. E. Companion Percy Fielding, and E. Companions Leonard G. Dunaway, Thomas Watts, Z., and Melvin Hill, H.

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, Hillcrest.

R. E. Companion George E. Cruickshank and E. Companion Walter Lord, Z.

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, Claresholm.

Not represented.

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam.

R. E. Companion William J. Haynes and E. Companions Frank Grandage, Z.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Edmonton.

R. E. Companion John H. Richardson and E. Companions Alfred Russell, George Blyth, Z., and George Grieve, H.

Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown.

R. E. Companion James Rennie.

Banff Chapter, No. 20, Banff.

E. Companion W. H. Green (proxy).

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, Strathmore.

R. E. Companions Walter E. Mercer, Harold W. B. Bell and Orlando G. Craig; V. E. Companion Leon F. Pinkerton and E. Companion Harry Groves.

Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury.

M. E. Companion James A. McGhee; R. E. Companion James McDougall, and E. Companion J. Lester Clarke, Z.

Coronation Chapter, No. 23, Coronation.

E. Companion Alexander Webb (proxy).

Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary.

M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey; R. E. Companions Cyril A. MacPherson (proxy), William H. Day and William H. Green, and J. M. Donaldson.

Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, Edmonton.

R. E. Companion Henry Sandilands; V. E. Companions Harry C. Neal, Franklin Booth and Arthur Robinson; E. Companions George W. Plasteras, Owen J. Barker, Duncan H. S. Gilles, Z., and James H. Sandilands, H.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano.

M. E. Companion James R. Flan (proxy).

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller.

E. Companion Thomas Humphries.

Hanna Chapter, No. 28, Hanna.

Not represented.

David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, Jasper.

E. Companions Neils A. Bolli, Edward A. Shaw, Alexander Gray. H., and Charles Ewing, J.

Edson Chapter, No. 30, Edson.

E. Companion Kenneth Fraser (proxy).

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Eighteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 10:00 o'clock a.m., March 16th, 1932.

INVOCATION PRAYER by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey—

Supreme Architect of the Universe, as we are gathered together here to take part in the proceedings of our order, which is very dear to us, we would ask Thee to be with us in our deliberations and to guide in so far as all that we do today may be in accordance with Thy divine will.

So mote it be.

The Grand First Principal appointed M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside to act as Grand Scribe E. for the sessions on account of the sudden illness of R. E. Companion C. R. Wentzel.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The preliminary report of the Committee on Credentials was then submitted by R. E. Companion William C. Black.

On the motion of R. E. Companion William C. Black, seconded by M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the preliminary report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

R. E. Companion William C. Black, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported that the necessary number of Chapters were represented.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS ADMITTED

The Most Excellent Grand First Principal announced that all Royal Arch Masons in waiting (other than delegates) would now be received as visitors if properly vouched for.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL CONVOCAATION

On the motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED That the reading of the Minutes of the last Convocation be dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed to the Chapters and others, and that the recorded minutes be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison was requested by the Most Excellent Grand First Principal to retire and introduce M. E. Companion Alex. Little, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba.

M. E. Companion Morrison: Most Excellent Sir, I wish to introduce to you and through you to the Companion Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, Most Excellent Companion Little, Grand First Principal of the Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba, for your further pleasure.

(The Grand Honours were given.)

M. E. Companion McGhee: Most Excellent Companion Little, I assure you that it is a privilege indeed for me to welcome you to this our Eighteenth Annual Convocation. We appreciate your having come from a long distance to be with us today, and to me personally it is especially a pleasure from the fact that I had the privilege a short time ago of attending your Grand Convocation, and I shall never forget the warm hospitality and brotherly love shown me on that occasion. I trust your stay with us will be pleasant, and I am sure it will be profitable to us. I believe these fraternal visits will go far towards establishing those friendships which are so essential in the world today, and when you go back to Manitoba will you tender to your Grand Chapter our sincere greetings and good wishes and express for us the hope that those bonds of unity which exist between the two Grand Chapters will continue and grow.

I would ask you, Excellent Sir, to continue under your escort to the Grand East.

At 10:25 o'clock Grand Chapter was called off for the space of fifteen minutes.

CIVIC WELCOME

M. E. Companion George B. McLeod was requested by the Most Excellent Grand First Principal to retire and introduce Brother D. Knott, His Worship the Mayor of Edmonton.

M. E. Companion McLeod: Most Excellent Sir, it affords me very much pleasure indeed this morning to present to you and through you to the Excellent Companions present, Brother Mayor Knott, who has laid aside his very onerous duties at the present time to welcome this Grand Chapter. I am sure we all appreciate the fact that he is with us this morning. We know what a busy man he is, trying to feed the population of this city, and trying to do it judiciously. Without further introduction I present to you His Worship Mayor Knott, of the City of Edmonton.

M. E. Companion McGhee: Brother Knott, it is a privilege for us to welcome you to this Grand Convocation. We deeply appreciate

your courtesy in coming here to extend to us a Civic Welcome on behalf of the City of Edmonton, as its Mayor. Will you please come to the East, Brother Knott.

Brother Knott: Excellent Sir and Brethren. I think I have been elevated somewhat this morning by the introduction and honour extended to me by you in allowing me to make an official welcome to the Royal Arch Masons, because I happen to belong to that very humble class, the Blue Lodge people, who are constantly looking upward and onward toward the higher plane which you have reached.

However, it is a great pleasure to me this morning as a Mason to welcome brother Masons to this city. To those who come from outside our city I extend extra greetings because I feel that you will find in Edmonton as fine a city as is to be found anywhere in Canada and also as fine a bunch of citizens as you will find anywhere.

Looking around this room I see several leading citizens whom I have had the honour and pleasure of knowing over a great many years and judging by them one may appreciate the high standard of your membership.

I am not going to say anything today about fixing the police, because, as you have our good friend Colonel McLeod with you, I will leave that part of our usual reception of visitors to him. Usually when I try to get my friends out of trouble I have to consult him; he is the man I have to fix. Unusually though, men of the calibre of Royal Arch Masons need nothing further than to be shown the new police station which we have built to house Colonel McLeod.

I am very sorry that my influence with the weatherman is not quite so good as it is with Colonel McLeod, or I might have arranged for some very fine weather; but we had to stage our usual Eskimo winter for your reception as you do not get any in Calgary.

I do not know what else I have to say to this very important gathering. You have a great deal of work to do and a very short time in which to do it. I extend greetings to you on behalf of the City and Citizens of Edmonton, and I hope that your gathering will be of great good to you, and that your stay in this city will be most pleasant. I wish to thank you for your kind invitation to address you and for the invitation to attend the dinner this evening; I appreciate the honour very much, and I will be at the dinner because I always feel at home at your gatherings. After I was elected by first public speech was as a Mason to Masons, so I got off on the right foot and to a good start.

Most Excellent Sir, I wish to extend to you, and through you to the brethren, the greetings of the City of Edmonton. I hope that your stay will be most pleasant.

M. E. Companion McGhee: On behalf of Grand Chapter, in session here, I wish to extend to you, Brother Knott, our sincere thanks for your very warm and kindly welcome. I assure you it is much appreciated. The weather may be cold but I am sure that the companions have been more than compensated for that by the warm and kindly reception of our companions of this fair city.

It is an added pleasure for us to meet in this beautiful temple. It is a credit to the city and the province, and it is one of the finest in the Dominion. Every Companion and Mason in this city and district should be justly proud of this wonderful structure.

We are sorry, Brother Knott, that it is not your privilege to be a member of our Royal Craft, but I am sure that, after looking over the splendid men assembled, including our good friend the Mayor of Calgary, you will profit by the example and become one of this higher class.

Companions, we have a lot of work to do and I will not take further time. Again I would assure you Brother Knott that we are grateful indeed for your very kind welcome.

Brother Knott retired and Grand Chapter was again called on at 10:40 a.m.

ADDRESS

of the

Grand First Principal

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter
of Alberta, Royal Arch Masons.

Companions:

It is to me a pleasure, as well as a privilege, to welcome the representatives of the various Chapters and the members of Grand Chapter to this, our Eighteenth Annual Convocation.

In the name of the Grand Chapter of Alberta I take the opportunity of welcoming within our Council Chambers the distinguished guests and visitors who grace this occasion by their presence. To them I extend our best wishes, and trust that their stay with us will not only afford them much pleasure but still further strengthen, by reason of our mutual interests, the bonds of friendship which unite our Grand Jurisdictions.

In assuming the duties of the honorable position to which you elected me one year ago, I resolved that I would do everything in my power to uphold the dignity and traditions of Royal Arch Masonry in Alberta. I relinquish the duties of my office with the consciousness that I have endeavored to the best of my ability to keep that resolve. In serving as your Grand First Principal I have been broadened and enriched by the wealth of affectionate friendship and loving companionship that have come to me through my visitations to the various Chapters and the consequent association with the splendid men who comprise our order.

We are, you will agree, most fortunate to have the opportunity of meeting in this beautiful new Masonic Temple, in the Capital City of the Province. Most of us were present at the dedication of this Temple. It testifies in no uncertain way to the fervent zeal and energy of the Masons of Edmonton, and it is pleasant to reflect that the members of the Edmonton Chapters played no small part in the conception, the erection and the completion of this magnificent edifice.

My earnest prayer and desire is that this gathering shall be most congenial and profitable to us all; that it shall bring us together into a closer companionship and give us a deeper and clearer understanding of the principles of this our glorious order.

May the Most High guide us in our deliberations and bless with prosperity our united endeavors.

NECROLOGY

"To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Companions, before rendering to you an account of my stewardship for the past year, let us, in memory of our departed companions, pause for a moment to give expression to our sympathy for the bereaved and to consider the solemn lesson of mortality taught by the departure of those who have "gone before."

One year ago tomorrow it was our privilege to have with us, for a short time, Most Excellent Companion James Norris Rankin, senior Past Grand First Principal. He stated that he came to renew old friendships and to witness the installation and investiture of "Young Jim," as he lovingly referred to myself. Companion Rankin, from my boyhood days, was my trusted friend and adviser, and my most painful duty during the entire year was to announce his death, which occurred at the family home in Calgary on June 3rd. In his passing, one of the most useful Masons to the Craft surrendered his part to those of us who are willing to carry on the work which he and the other "old stalwarts" organized many years ago. I requested Most Excellent Companion Frederick S. Selwood to represent this Grand Chapter at the funeral.

As a tribute of respect to the memory of our beloved companion I caused a Memorial to be issued. This I reproduce:—

IN MEMORIAM

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF
ALBERTA

Office of the Grand First Principal,
Didsbury, August 17th, 1931.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of Alberta, and to Members of Chapters in its Jurisdiction,
and to all Grand Chapters in Fraternal Correspondence.

Companions:

It is our sad duty to announce the death of

Most Excellent Companion

JAMES NORRIS RANKIN

Past Grand First Principal Z.

*"God made man an earthly habitation,
The body soil in which the soul might grow.
This little life is but the preparation
The soul must know.
And then some day man's errors overcome him,
The body fails, the soul is wise,
And then the God that takes one small world from him
Gives him the skies."*

On June 3rd, our beloved Companion "J. N." Rankin, obeying that summons which we shall all hear, bade us "Farewell." The number of his years was eighty-four, yet he was not old, for ever he

kept in the van of the procession, and age is a matter of vision rather than the accumulation of years. When the eyes of faith become dimmed, then are we growing old; when about life and human nature we become cynical, we are growing old; thus was our Companion young, for unimpaired was his vision of a better day—of a fuller fraternal fellowship.

For the past few years, having retired from the turmoil of active service, he enjoyed the peaceful serenity of life's eventide. Suddenly he heard the Master's call, and our Companion sped to receive the reward promised to all faithful Craftsmen—and a notable Masonic record of forty-nine years came to an earthly end.

Companion Rankin was born on January 9th, 1847, at Lower Island Cove, Newfoundland. He was educated at the Public School of Phillipsburg, Quebec, and Point Credit and Brampton Grammar School, Ontario.

Choosing the railroad as his calling, he in time became a conductor on the Grand Trunk in the East, and later on the Canadian Pacific Railway in the West. His "journeyings oft" ended on his appointment as collector for the City of Calgary in 1907, a position in which he served with fidelity until his retirement in 1928.

On April 29th, 1874, at Stratford, Ontario, he was united in marriage to Miss Annie Cook. This union was blessed with six daughters and one son. His wife pre-deceased him in 1916, and he is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Lillian C. Knowles, of Los Angeles; Mrs. Mary V. Barnes, of Vancouver; Mrs. Bertha A. Wynham, of Elnora, Alberta; Miss Hilda E., of East Orange, New Jersey; Miss Harriett K., at home, and one son, Harold H., of Vancouver.

In religious affiliations he was Methodist, and when the union of the churches took place, he became an adherent of the United Church. At all times he practised the teachings of the Golden Rule and honoured the highest ideals of the Fraternity he loved so well.

His Masonic record, from the time of his initiation in June, 1882, until his election as Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta in 1915, was brilliant and notable for services conscientiously performed; for constancy and ability seldom surpassed. He was initiated into Masonry in Stevenson Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 128, Toronto, on June 2nd, 1882. Arriving in the West he affiliated with Bow River Lodge, No. 28, on February 10th, 1896, becoming Worshipful Master in 1907. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1, Grand Lodge of Alberta, in 1910, and received the signal honour in 1927 of being presented with the rank of Honorary Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

In Capitular Masonry he was also very active, being exalted in Alberta Chapter, No. 106. In the year 1905, he served as First Principal, and in 1907 was Grand Superintendent of the Grand Chapter of Canada. In the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, he took a prominent part, becoming the second Grand First Principal in 1915. He was a member of Cyprus Preceptory and presided over that body in 1904, and was elected Provincial Prior for 1908-1909. He also devoted time to The Mystic Shrine, being an officer of Al Azhar Temple in the year 1916. Honours such as these come only to the deserving.

Most Excellent Companion James Norris Rankin has fallen asleep. He has passed within the veil. The cheery smile of the indomitable

"J. N." is no more. He has gone from among us, leaving with us a memory of a life rich in genuine inspiration. As a citizen, he was actuated by a love of sound principles; he had a high standard of business integrity and a clear appreciation of the right. As a Mason, he had a deep veneration of the ancient usages and landmarks of the Craft; a high regard for the priceless value of Masonic teachings. He was a true friend. As the soul of Jonathan was knit unto the soul of David, so was his soul knit to ours. To look into his patriarchal face, was to realize it was the face of one with whom friendship did not die, for the calm, clear, intelligent eye flashed to your soul the assurance of unfailing affection.

The life has been taken, the silver cord has been broken, the golden bowl of human experience lies in fragments at our feet, but the influence of his well spent life will endure forever.

*"Though the Warrior's sun is set,
Its light shall linger 'round us yet
Bright, radiant, blest."*

To the relatives of the deceased we tender our tribute of sympathy and devotion; and as a token of our esteem and affection for our departed Companion, and as a mark of respect for his memory, it is ordered that this communication be read in open Chapter at the first regular Convocation after the receipt thereof, and that the usual evidence of mourning be displayed for the customary period.

Fraternally yours,

JAS. A. MCGHEE,

Grand First Principal.

Attest:

CLIFFORD R. WENTZEL,

Grand Scribe E.

During the past year, thirty of our companions have been called to "That house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens"; to those bereft we extend our sincere and tender sympathy.

We also proffer our sympathy to our Sister Grand Jurisdictions in the losses they have sustained by death during the twelve months.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead will later submit a detailed report for your consideration.

*"They never quite leave us, the Brethren who've passed
Through the shadow of death to the sunlight above;
A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
To the places they blessed with their presence and love."*

RULINGS AND BY-LAWS

I have not been called upon to render a decision during the entire year. No changes in by-laws requested. Peace, harmony and goodwill reign supreme.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

In accordance with the motion passed at our last Grand Convocation, copies of the draft of the revised Constitution were duly printed

and forwarded to all Chapters for consideration and study. The Special Committee on Revision of Constitution have now given notice of motion for the adoption of their final report at this Grand Convocation.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

After consulting the several Grand Superintendents, arrangements were made for holding meetings in each of the six Districts.

The first of these meetings was held in District 5, at Lethbridge, on September 30th, under the very able direction of Companion Thomas A. Montgomery, Right Excellent Grand Superintendent. Every Chapter in the District was represented, about 100 attending. The principal topic for discussion was the proposed new constitution, copies of which had been forwarded in May to each Chapter for perusal. Portions of the Mark Master Mason and Holy Royal Arch Degrees were exemplified by skilled companions, and questions on the Work in the several degrees were asked and were fully answered by the Grand Lecturer. My contribution was a short lecture on "The Holy Royal Arch Degree." On this occasion I was pleased to have with me Most Excellent Companions Middleton and Macleod, Companion MacPherson, Right Excellent Grand Lecturer; Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, Right Excellent Grand Scribe E.; and Companion Junget, Very Excellent Grand Junior Sojourner. At the splendid banquet which followed we were honored with an instructive and enjoyable address by Most Excellent Companion Middleton.

The next meeting was held in Calgary on October 1st, and was a joint meeting of Districts 3 and 4, Right Excellent Grand Superintendents McDougall and Valentine presiding. The Mark Master Mason degree was pleasingly and capably conferred by the officers of Otuskwan Chapter, after which Companion Follett, Right Excellent Grand Second Principal, gave a lecture on "The History of the Mark Master Mason Degree," while I concluded with an address on "The Lessons of the Mark Master Mason's Degree." The Grand Lecturer was present and again fully answered questions regarding the Work. This was a most harmonious meeting, with representatives from every Chapter (save one) in the two Districts. An enjoyable banquet followed the meeting. Among those present were Most Excellent Companions Flan and Ironside; Right Excellent Companion Wentzel, Grand Scribe E.; Right Excellent Companion MacPherson, Grand Lecturer; and many other Grand Chapter officers.

On October 2nd, accompanied by Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Lecturer, we journeyed onward to Hanna, to attend the meeting in District No. 2. Companion Rennie, Right Excellent Grand Superintendent, presided. Every Chapter in the District was well represented, many Companions driving forty to seventy-five miles over dirt roads to attend. Various parts of the Work were discussed and again questions were capably answered by Right Excellent Companion MacPherson, who also, at the suggestion of several of the companions, gave an instructive demonstration of portions of the Work. A splendid lecture was delivered by Companion Fowler, of Coronation, Right Excellent Past Grand Superintendent. The Hanna companions were hosts to the visitors at a sumptuous banquet served at a local hotel.

Districts 1 and 6 held a joint District meeting in the New Masonic Temple, in Edmonton, on October 9th, with a fair attendance, all but two Chapters being represented. The meeting was splendidly

arranged and capably conducted by Companions Watson and Richardson, Right Excellent Grand Superintendents. Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Lecturer again accompanied me. I appreciated also the presence of Most Excellent Companions McLeod, Downey, Coote and Morrison; Companion West, Right Excellent Grand Third Principal; Companion Baxter, Right Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner; Companion Scott, Right Excellent Grand Registrar; and many other Grand Chapter officers. Several questions bearing on the work and also on the constitution were asked and satisfactorily answered and, on request, portions of the degree work were exemplified. My remarks were along general lines of suggested improvements. I also delivered a short lecture on "The Temples of Masonry." Considering the number of City Chapters in these two Districts, the attendance was not so large as we had anticipated. After the meeting a banquet was served in the commodious new banquet room. Short speeches followed, many of the visiting companions speaking.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

The Grand Superintendents worked hard and faithfully in the discharge of their manifold duties, giving unstintingly of their time and talents, and the splendid success of the District Meetings was a fine tribute to their popularity and exertion. With the exception of one, each Grand Superintendent not only visited all of the Chapters in his own District but also visited, many times, Chapters in other Districts. I wish to give them my sincere thanks for their co-operation, advice and support in every suggestion I made, and it is a very great pleasure for me to recommend to the Committee on the Condition of Capitalar Masonry that the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be conferred upon

- R. E. Companion Finlay B. Watson, Wetaskiwin.
- R. E. Companion James Rennie, Youngstown.
- R. E. Companion James McDougall, Didsbury.
- R. E. Companion Cuthbert T. Valentine, Calgary.
- R. E. Companion Thomas A. Montgomery, Medicine Hat.
- R. E. Companion John H. Richardson, Edmonton.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Approved appointment of representative of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters—

New York—E. Companion Walter P. Eaton.

Appointment of representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter—

On checking over the list of Grand Representatives, I found several vacancies existing as well as several who were inactive, therefore, I made the following appointments:

- Queensland—E. Companion William Betts of Macleod.
- South Carolina—E. Companion Samuel L. McCracken of Calgary.
- Iowa—E. Companion John Livingstone of Lethbridge.
- Louisiana—E. Companion Edwin G. Shaw of Jasper.
- Quebec—R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy of Edmonton.
- Saskatchewan—V. E. Companion Andy Davison of Calgary.
- Washington—E. Companion (Dr.) Leland W. Walkey of Pincher Creek.
- Rhode Island—R. E. Companion Henry H. Gould of High River.

DISPENSATIONS

The following applications for dispensations were received:

Golden West Chapter, No. 5.—To confirm the election and installation of E. Companion Gordon W. Campbell as Second Principal, he

not having served a period of twelve months in the chair of Third Principal J. *Granted.*

Hiram Chapter, No. 19.—To install E. Companion James E. McLeod in the office of First Principal Z., he not having served a period of twelve months in the chair of Second Principal H. *Granted.*

Hanna Chapter, No. 28.—To install E. Companion Murdo S. McLeod as Second Principal H., he being sick in hospital on the date of the regular installation. *Granted.*

Alberta Chapter, No. 1.—To receive and act upon a petition for exaltation from Brother William R. L. Woods in less time than six months. *Granted.*

Hiram Chapter, No. 19.—To install the officers of the Chapter out of time at an emergent convocation on the 2nd day of June, instead of the regular convocation on the 1st day of June as set by By-law. Proper notice to be given. *Granted.*

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17.—To install the Treasurer and Principal Sojourner respectively, they not being present on regular date of installation. *Granted.*

Harmony Chapter, No. 26.—To hold a convocation of the Chapter in the craft lodge room at the town of Brooks, for the purpose of conferring the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master degrees on a number of candidates. *Granted.*

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6.—To elect officers out of time at an emergent convocation to be held on Monday, December 21st, instead of the regular convocation on December 24th, this being Christmas Eve. *Granted.*

Calgary Chapter, No. 11.—To install out of time, jointly with Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, on its regular night of meeting. *Granted.*

David Thompson Chapter, No. 29.—To install the officers of the Chapter out of time at an emergent convocation on Wednesday, the 13th of January, to enable the Grand Superintendent of the district to be present to perform the installation ceremony. *Granted.*

North Star Chapter, No. 2.—To install E. Companion William L. Sharp as Second Principal H., he being absent from the regular installation owing to inclement weather. *Granted.*

Keystone Chapter, No. 12.—To elect and install officers out of time because of failure to hold a regular convocation for election of officers in December and the consequent installation in January, 1932. *Granted.*

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3.—To install E. Companion Roy Edmund Keating as Second Principal H., he not having been present at the regular installation of officers, owing to a bereavement. *Granted.*

Harmony Chapter, No. 26.—To install E. Companion Charles C. Elliott as First Principal Z., he being unavoidably absent from the installation of the Chapter on the regular date. *Granted.*

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15.—To install Companion Arthur Ferguson as Third Principal J. of the Chapter, he being unable to attend the regular installation in January. *Granted.*

VISITATIONS

A year ago I intimated that it was my intention to visit every Chapter in the Province during the year. I am glad to report that, with the single exception of Vermilion Chapter, I visited every Chapter at least once; some of them several times. Vermilion, the Home Chapter of my predecessor, M. E. Companion Morrison, is situated in the extreme north-easterly part of the Province and the journey would have absorbed three more days of my limited time. I feel, therefore, that my many kind friends in this Chapter will forgive my seeming neglect.

With but four exceptions I visited the several Chapters at their regular convocations. Although this entailed much additional travel, I hoped that by so doing there would be a larger attendance and that Chapters, particularly country Chapters, would be saved the necessity and expense of an additional meeting.

You will agree, I feel, that I have given liberally of my time. The official visits recorded hereunder, the sixteen unofficial visits to Chapters, attendance at the District meetings and inter-jurisdictional visits to Manitoba and Ontario necessitated travel by train, motor and plane a distance of over eighteen thousand miles.

Throughout the year I have endeavored to engender and develop a greater interest in the symbolism, philosophies, teachings and principles of Capitular Masonry and the wonderful response has afforded me very great satisfaction. In every Chapter the companions are seeking information and I would suggest to my esteemed successor that this work be energetically continued.

My first official visit was to Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River, on March 24th. I was pleased to have the company of M. E. Companion Flan, Companions McDougall and Valentine (Right Excellent Grand Superintendents of Districts 3 and 4), Companion A. Davison, V. E. Grand Senior Sojourner, R. E. Companions Rounce, Comba, Hand and forty-five companions from Calgary Chapters. The Most Excellent Master's Degree was conferred in a very impressive manner by the officers of Otuskwaw Chapter. The First Principal of Golden West Chapter is R. E. Companion Gould, who is 71 years "young." Twice in previous years he served his Chapter as First Principal and he was a Grand Superintendent under the Grand Chapter of Canada. This Chapter, after experiencing difficulties for some years, is again showing splendid progress.

On April 1st, I officially visited my home Chapter, Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No 22, Didsbury. On this occasion I was signally honored with the presentation of a life membership certificate, beautifully framed. After the meeting the companions were "at home" to the brothers and their ladies from the various lodges in the Chapter District. A most enjoyable evening.

On April 14th, I visited North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton. There was no degree work, the principal object of my visit being to install and invest the following Grand Chapter officers: Companion Richardson, R. E. Grand Superintendent of District No. 6; Companion Baxter, R. E. Grand Principal Sojourner; Companion Duncan, V. E. Grand Director of Ceremonies; Companion Neal, V. E. Grand Organist; Companion Hope, V. E. Grand Pursuivant; Companion Bolli, V. E. Grand Steward, and Companion Johnston, V. E. Grand Tyler. In this pleasing ceremony I was assisted by Companion West, R. E. Grand Third Principal, and Companion Watson, R. E. Grand Super-

intendent of District No. 1. There were present M. E. Companions Downey, McNab, Ironside and Coote. A splendid gathering, over 100 being present.

On April 23rd, I visited Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Wetaskiwin. The First and Second Principals, owing to illness, were unable to attend. I had the pleasure of investing my old friend, Companion Taylor, V. E. Grand Steward. Among those present were M. E. Companions Downey and McNab; Companion West, R. E. Grand Third Principal; Companion Baxter, R. E. Grand Principal Sojourner; Companion Watson, R. E. Grand Superintendent, and about 25 companions from the Edmonton Chapters. The feature of the evening was an enjoyably instructive address on "The Degrees of Masonry," delivered by M. E. Companion Downey.

On April 28th, I visited Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer, being introduced by a friend of many years, R. E. Companion Stephenson. Accompanying me on this occasion were Companion Coote, M. E. Past Grand First Principal; Companion McDougall, R. E. Grand Superintendent, and a large number of companions from Joseph Stauffer Chapter. The Most Excellent Master's Degree was conferred with the assistance of companions from Joseph Stauffer Chapter. The attendance was small. This Chapter (for a long time one of the "banner Chapters" in the Province) for several years has experienced difficulties, but I am hopeful of an early improvement.

On May 4th, I visited Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred by the officers and the manner in which they performed their duties filled me with pride. I was particularly pleased to have with me Companion Follett, R. E. Grand Second Principal; Companion McDougall, R. E. Grand Superintendent; Companion Ironside, M. E. Past Grand First Principal; Companion Wentzel, R. E. Grand Scribe E.; Companion MacPherson, R. E. Grand Lecturer, and ten companions from Didsbury. The attendance of a large number of companions from the other Calgary Chapters was also very gratifying.

On May 7th I visited Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Edmonton. No degrees conferred. Attendance fair. Among those present were Companion Richardson, R. E. Grand Superintendent; Companion West, R. E. Grand Third Principal; Companion Baxter, R. E. Grand Principal Sojourner, and Companions Lambertson and Elliott, R. E. Past Grand Superintendents. The visitors were cordially received by E. First Principal Blyth. A very enjoyable banquet was served after the convocation.

On May 15th, I visited Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, Edmonton. The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified in a dignified and impressive manner. The companions of Mount Horeb Chapter, Wetaskiwin, paid a fraternal visit, on this occasion. There were also present Companions Coote and Downey, M. E. Past Grand First Principals; Companion West, R. E. Grand Third Principal; Companions Watson and Richardson, R. E. Grand Superintendents; Companion Baxter, R. E. Grand Principal Sojourner, a number of other Grand Chapter officers, and several ruling Principals of the City Chapters.

On May 21st, I visited Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, Medicine Hat. No degrees were conferred, but, assisted by R. E. Companion Finch; I had the pleasure of installing and investing Companion Montgomery, Grand Superintendent of District No. 5. An hour of entertainment and cards rounded off a very pleasant evening.

On June 9th I visited North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton. The Most Excellent Master's Degree was splendidly conferred by the officers of the Chapter. This being their last meeting in the old hall and also the evening prior to the annual session of Grand Lodge, the hall was filled to capacity, many out-of-town companions attending. I was much gratified to have with me on this memorable occasion eight Past Grand First Principals—M. E. Companions Downey, Watson, McLeod, McNab, Coote, Ironside, Middleton and Morrison; Companion Follett, R. E. Grand Second Principal; Companion West, R. E. Grand Third Principal; Companion Watson, R. E. Grand Superintendent; Companion Baxter, R. E. Grand Principal Sojourner, and many other present and past Grand Chapter officers. At the splendid banquet which followed we were privileged to listen to short addresses from the distinguished companions.

On June 10th, I attended the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M., which was holding its annual convocation in the City of Edmonton. At this session the beautiful new temple was officially dedicated.

On September 2nd, I visited Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury, my home Chapter. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was capably conferred on two candidates and I had the privilege of delivering the mystical lecture. We had as our guests on this occasion Grand Scribe E., Grand Lecturer and a number of companions from Calgary Chapters.

On September 8th, I visited Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, Gleichen. The companions, after the convocation, were hosts to the brothers and their ladies at a banquet and dance, where I had the pleasure of presenting to E. Companion Cuthbert a beautiful Past Master's Apron. This Chapter has a small District and many of its members have moved away, so it is progressing slowly. I was pleased to have R. E. Companions Follett, Wentzel and MacPherson accompany me.

On September 9th, I visited Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge. No degree work. About 50 were present including 10 from Macleod and 4 from Pincher Creek, and Companions Middleton and Macleod, M. E. Past Grand First Principals; Companion Montgomery, R. E. Grand Superintendent; and Companion Junget, V. E. Grand Junior Sojourner. I am indebted to E. Companion John Livingstone for his kind hospitality during my sojourn at Lethbridge.

On September 10th, I visited Coronation Chapter, No. 23, Coronation. The attendance was not large, owing to the roads being in a very muddy condition. At the request of the companions I demonstrated portions of the degrees. Refreshments and a social half hour followed. The officers were hopeful of securing several candidates.

On September 11th, I visited Capital City Chapter, No. 13, Edmonton. This was the first meeting in the new temple. There was no degree work. Among the many attending were M. E. Companions McLeod, Downey and Coote, R. E. Companions West, Richardson and Baxter and members from the other City Chapters. A splendid banquet, with short addresses, brought to a close a profitable evening.

On September 14th, I visited Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam, being accompanied by Companion Watson, R. E. Grand Superintendent; R. E. Companion Wallace, V. E. Companion Taylor and a number of other companions from Wetaskiwin. A deluge of rain delayed our arrival, but we found a very creditable gathering. As they had no degree work, we decided to hold a round-table confer-

ence, and a very pleasant, and I believe profitable, evening was spent. This Chapter has for a considerable time experienced extreme difficulty in "carrying on," and I have requested the Grand Superintendent to confer with the companions regarding the advisability of transferring the Chapter to another point within the Chapter District.

On September 16th, I visited Edson. Companion Hilliker, Scribe E. of Edson Chapter, No 30, stated that as the official notice from Grand Scribe E. of my intended visit had not been received no meeting had been called. However, a social gathering of sixteen companions was arranged, various phases of the work were discussed and instruction given, and I believe considerable good accomplished. This is a new Chapter and the prospects are splendid.

On September 17th, I visited David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, Jasper. Introduced by Companion Bolli, V. E. Grand Steward, I was given an exceedingly warm welcome. This Chapter has but a small field from which to draw membership, but a splendid feeling of harmony and fellowship prevails. We have to thank E. Companion Shaw and his good wife for their hospitality, and the companions who so kindly arranged for a very enjoyable motor drive, thus adding to the pleasure of our visit.

On September 23rd, I visited Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano. There was no degree work. Companion "Bert" Montgomery, R. E. Grand Superintendent of District No. 5, E. Companion Lewis, and a number of companions from Gleichen, accompanied me and we received a very hearty welcome. The attendance was good. Splendid harmony prevails and prospects are bright.

On September 24th, I visited Hanna Chapter, No. 28, Hanna. This was an emergent meeting called to receive me, and there was no work. I was accompanied by Companion Rennie, R. E. Grand Superintendent, introduced by R. E. Companion Odell, Past Grand Superintendent, and accorded a very warm welcome. This was a splendid gathering. At the subsequent banquet I had the pleasure of presenting to Companion Abbott, Scribe E., a beautiful and useful gift. He had been transferred to Jasper.

On September 25th, I visited Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller. The exemplification of the Most Excellent Master Degree was dignified and efficient. This Chapter has splendid quarters. The attendance was good; the prospects are excellent.

On September 28th, I visited Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown, accompanied by Companion Rennie, R. E. Grand Superintendent, this being his home Chapter. The attendance was small. The Chapter has but few resident members, many of the companions having moved elsewhere owing to bad crop conditions and resultant depression.

On September 29th, I visited Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, Claresholm. The attendance was small, as many of the country companions were busy harvesting. Future prospects for this Chapter appear much brighter; they have exceedingly comfortable quarters in a remodeled church building. I was glad to have with me the Grand Superintendent and the Grand Lecturer.

On October 5th, I visited Banff Chapter, No. 20, Banff. The Mark Master Mason Degree was exemplified in a very pleasing and effective manner. At the request of a number of the companions, the addresses given by R. E. Companion Follett and myself at the

District meeting held in Calgary—viz., “The History of the Mark Master Mason Degree” and “The Lessons of the Mark Master Mason Degree,”—were repeated. I was pleased to have accompany me R. E. Companions Follett, MacPherson, Valentine, Wentzel and Hand, and a goodly number of other companions from Calgary Chapters.

On October 7th, I visited Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod. This is the Home Chapter of M. E. Companion Middleton and his influence is very noticeable in the prevailing harmony and goodwill. There was no degree work. I am deeply indebted to M. E. Companion Middleton and E. Companion Davis for their kind hospitality.

On October 8th, Kether Chapter, No. 8, and Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, held for my reception a joint Convocation at Pincher Creek; there was a goodly attendance. Both of these Chapters are making progress. I wish to give them my sincere thanks for holding the joint meeting for my convenience. Companion Montgomery, R. E. Grand Superintendent, travelled 175 miles to join me at Pincher, and I was also very pleased to have accompany me, from Macleod, M. E. Companion Middleton and E. Companion Betts. We were introduced by my very dear friend, R. E. Companion George Cruickshank.

On October 12th, I visited Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary. The Mark Master Mason Degree was efficiently conferred and I am certain the candidates were duly impressed with the great lessons taught. The attendance was not large, for it was Thanksgiving Day and many companions were spending the holiday out of the city. I was pleased to again have the support of those old faithfuls R. E. Companions Wentzel, Macpherson and Hand.

On November 4th, I visited Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury, and, with the assistance of R. E. Grand Superintendents McDougall and Valentine, R. E. Grand Second Principal Follett, R. E. Grand Scribe E. Wentzel, R. E. Grand Lecturer MacPherson, and R. E. Past Grand Superintendents Rounce, Cooper and Rankin, installed the officers. Companion Valteau gave a splendid address on “The Menace of Communism.”

On November 19th, I attended an outstanding event in Capitular Masonry, at Otuskwan Chapter, Calgary. This was a gathering of unusual interest, for it was a Past Principals' night, and proved a most pleasing and delightful evening. The attendance was both large and representative, all of the Past Principals of this Chapter since its opening (14) being present, as well as the sitting Principals and companions from all the Chapters in Calgary and visitors from many country Chapters. The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred on three candidates by the Past Principals under the leadership of M. E. Companion Flan, and I feel that the degree work as exemplified by the companions could not have been surpassed. Among those present were Grand Superintendents R. E. Companions McDougall and Valentine, M. E. Companions Flan and Ironside and R. E. Companions Follett, Mercer, Wentzel, MacPherson, Hand, Rankin, Rounce, Comba and many other Past and Present Grand Chapter officers.

On December 2nd, Companion Follett, R. E. Grand Second Principal, had arranged to deliver an address to the companions of Joseph Stauffer Chapter, but owing to the death of his mother, which occurred the day previous, he requested me to fill the engagement for him. At the suggestion of the companions I gave an address on “The Lessons of the Mark Master Mason Degree.”

On December 9th, I visited Calgary Chapter, No. 11, Calgary. The work of the evening was the election of officers. Accompanying me were M. E. Companions Flan and Ironside, R. E. Companions McDougall, Wentzel, MacPherson, Garnes, V. E. Companion A. Davison, a number of companions from Didsbury, and many companions from the Calgary Chapters. A most harmonious and pleasant evening.

On January 7th, I attended a joint installation of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and Calgary Chapter, No. 11, Calgary. The ceremony of installation was most impressively carried out by installing Master M. E. Companion Ironside, assisted by M. E. Companion Flan and R. E. Companions Wentzel and Follett. I was accompanied by R. E. Companions MacPherson, McDougall, Comba, Rankin and Hand. Companion Andy Davison, V. E. Grand Senior Sojourner and Mayor of the City of Calgary, presided at the banquet as toastmaster. There was very evident a delightful spirit of hospitality.

On January 11th, I visited Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary, at their special invitation, this being the night of their installation of officers. The ceremony was splendidly carried out by R. E. Companion Minchin, assisted by M. E. Companion Selwood and R. E. Companions Portman, Fletcher and Hand. Accompanying me were M. E. Companion Flan and R. E. Companions Wentzel, MacPherson and Rounce. A unique and pleasing feature of the splendid banquet which followed was that the toast to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, to which I had the pleasure of responding, was proposed by Companion Kerby, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The other three toasts were proposed by R. E. Companion English, Companion Blair, and Companion Connacher, all Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. May the fraternal relations existing between the two Grand bodies continue to grow ever closer.

On January 14th, I visited Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, Strathmore. On this occasion the newly elected officers were installed in an almost faultless manner by M. E. Companion Flan, assisted by R. E. Companions Cooper, Mercer, Craig and Bell. The newly installed officers are young and ambitious, and under the steadying influence of those old stalwarts, R. E. Companions Mercer and Craig, this Chapter should make splendid progress. At the date of this meeting only four companions were in arrears of dues; these cases had all been personally investigated, and the dues were unanimously remitted.

At each of the District meetings and on each of my official visits to Chapters, I have urged the adoption of the following suggestions, which I hope will prove of benefit:

(1) *Chapter Summonses.* Make them more interesting, at the same time retaining the necessary dignity.

(2) *Leadership.* Choose well the leaders. I firmly believe that the principal officers of a Chapter are ninety per cent responsible for the success or failure of a Chapter. The First Principal should arrange frequent meetings of his unofficial cabinet; they should plan carefully the year's activities and determinedly, whole heartedly and sympathetically set themselves to work.

(3) *Chapter Visitations.* Continue inter-visitations; they have proven of inestimable value.

(4) *Demonstration of Work.* Have a demonstration of the examination in each of the degrees, at every alternative meeting, during the

year, in order that the essentials will remain fresh in the minds of the companions, and so better fit them to visit with confidence Chapters in this or other Jurisdictions.

(5) *Meetings.* Make them more attractive to the membership by having short interesting meetings, with Work well conferred and some diversion in the way of short talks or discourses on appropriate subjects. Whenever possible provide more frequent opportunity for social intercourse.

(6) *Membership.* Solicit in a dignified manner every worthy Brother Mason, and after securing application give him the class of work he has a right to expect. Make him feel that it is a privilege to be a member. Each officer should endeavor to secure at least two petitions during the year. Cement and consolidate our present membership and make as much effort to retain the old members as to secure the new ones.

(7) *Suspensions.* The appointment of a committee who should get in personal contact with those liable to suspension. Members should be suspended only after we have exhausted every reasonable means of collecting. Compromise on outstanding dues if necessary and, if advisable, remit them entirely. The committee should be supplied with a list of the names of those who have been suspended during the past five years for N.P.D. These should be visited to find out if they are willing to return to the Chapter. Many of the reasons they give can be overcome.

VISITS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Being of the opinion that immeasurable benefit is derived from close fraternal relations with Sister Grand Jurisdictions, I accepted invitations to attend the Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba and the Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation and celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

On February 3rd I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, held at Winnipeg. I was cordially received and delightfully entertained as the representative of this Grand Chapter. Our Sister Grand Jurisdiction, like ourselves, reports a small decrease in membership this year. The Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan was represented by Companion His Honor Judge deRoche, M. E. Grand First Principal, and the Grand Chapter of Minnesota by Companion Cantelon, M. E. Grand High Priest, while our old and esteemed friend M. E. Companion Stockwell represented the Grand Chapter of North Dakota. I extended the fraternal greetings of this Grand Chapter, which were heartily appreciated and reciprocated, and also had the pleasure of presenting to R. E. Companion George Syme the honorary life membership granted at our last Convocation.

A very pleasing event was the election of M. E. Companion deRoche and myself to honorary life membership in the Grand Chapter of Manitoba. I deeply appreciate the honor conferred upon me by the companions of Manitoba.

On February 24th and 25th, it was my privilege to visit the Grand Chapter of Canada, in Hamilton, and to assist in celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of our "Mother Grand Chapter." I extended to them the greetings of this Grand Chapter and was asked to convey to this Convocation the appreciation, kindly fraternal greetings

and best wishes of that Grand Body. Many distinguished visitors from Canadian and American Grand Jurisdictions were present. The Grand Chapter of Canada this year shows a net decrease in membership of 680. Alberta's Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Canada, V. E. Companion John M. Empey, at this Convocation was elected a Grand Superintendent.

Many pleasing associations were formed and contacts made, and the delightful hospitality of the good companions of Manitoba and Ontario made my visits enjoyable, profitable and memorable.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

We are all aware of the difficulties which governments, institutions and individuals have had to face during the past three years; of the serious problems they have endeavored to solve; of the continued depression in trade, commerce and industrial activity, of the general feeling of insecurity in the matter of incomes, investments and occupations—and it was inevitable that these conditions would be reflected in Royal Arch Masonry.

Grand Scribe E.'s report again discloses a small decrease in membership. More than the usual number of our dear companions this year left us for the Great Beyond. Owing, probably, to the feeling of financial insecurity, we have not had so many initiates desiring admittance and a considerable number were lost to us through suspensions for N.P.D. I would point out, however, that many of those who have been suspended were first suspended from their Craft Lodge and their Capitular membership being constitutionally dependent on their lodge standing, we were compelled to take similar action.

The collection of dues offers a very formidable problem; many of the Chapters have shown a commendable spirit of sympathy and have dealt leniently with the companions who have been temporarily embarrassed.

Readjustments of Chapters, I am convinced, is essential if we would function properly. Modern automobile transportation and the system of splendid highways have lessened the necessity for small outlying Chapters. Some of our Chapters, both city and country, might advantageously be consolidated with others.

Several Chapters are finding it difficult to "carry on," and one of these, Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam, voted to surrender its charter, for the present at least. Owing to the nearness of Grand Chapter Convocation, I deemed it advisable to leave the matter for the consideration of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry:

Although the Chapters are suffering to some extent losses both in membership and finances, yet the spirit of friendship, brotherhood and goodwill everywhere abounds. A larger average attendance during the year, in many of the Chapters, is extremely gratifying, and in every Chapter I visited I sensed a wonderful spirit of harmony and love. There is a steadily growing determination to make "Royal Arch Masons" rather than mere members.

Companions, let me urge you to keep the Chapter machinery in perfect working order. Capitular Masonry will undoubtedly share in that prosperity which financiers and statisticians assure us is "just around the corner." If we would maintain our high standing in the community and the world at large, we must continue to select our initiates with care and see that our conduct will stand the test of the "Grand Overseer's Square."

This is not the time for gloom or even discouragement, but never has there been a period in our history when the need for sober thinking, careful planning and courageous action was more imperative.

CONCLUSION

We have arrived at the end of another year in the life of this Grand Chapter; we can look to the past with satisfaction and to the future with confidence. Most of the Chapters under our Jurisdiction are flourishing and Royal Arch Masonry is making progress.

I need hardly assure you that I deeply appreciate the honor you conferred upon me a year ago when you selected me to guard and further the interests of this Grand Chapter. Realizing the limitations of my ability, I accepted the trust with fear and trembling, but I have endeavored to discharge my duties to the utmost of my powers. The record is before you; it is for you to criticize and to correct where necessary. It is a record of earnest effort—of failings and accomplishments. The year has been one of service, often discharged under great difficulties; but I have enjoyed the work. I have been brought into personal contact with many brilliant and inspiring companions; and the cherished memory of much happiness will be an inspiration in the years that may yet be mine.

To my associate officers, I am grateful for their generous co-operation. They have been ever loyal and considerate and between us there have grown strong and enduring friendships. To all the Past Grand First Principals, especially, I express my gratitude for their sage counsel and whole-hearted assistance; also to Companion Wentzel, R. E. Grand Scribe E., who accompanied me on many of my official visitations and who has been an unfailing source of information, counsel and assistance.

My year of service has come to a close. I turn over the responsibilities of this high office to my worthy and esteemed successor, and bespeak for him the same unwavering loyalty and co-operation that you have extended to me.

Everything I have done or tried to do has been for the honor and best interest of this Grand Chapter, and if I am remembered as one whose labors were not wholly in vain and as one who has endeavored honestly and conscientiously to do his duty, I shall be happy and content.

*"May the giver of gifts give unto you
That which is good and that which is true;
The will to help and the courage to do;
A heart that can sing the whole day through
Whether the skies be gray or blue—
May the Giver of Gifts give these to you."*

Faternally submitted,

John A. McGhee
Grand First Principal.

On the motion of M. E. Companion James R. Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED, That the address of the Most Excellent Grand First Principal be referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's address, and that the portions pertaining to Jurisprudence and Conditions of Capitular Masonry be referred to those respective committees.

RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

The Grand First Principal requested the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters, and those present, having been assembled before the Altar by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, were cordially and fraternally welcomed by M. E. Companion McGhee.

The greetings of the Grand Chapters represented were expressed by the respective Representatives.

The Grand First Principal then addressed the Grand Representatives as follows:

M. E. Companion McGhee: Companions: You are the representatives of the Sister Grand Jurisdictions situated throughout the world, and I heartily bid you welcome. I request that you convey to the several Grand Jurisdictions whom you represent the cordial greetings and best wishes of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and our earnest wish that this co-operation with one another will continue until time shall be no more.

I believe that each of you has a real mission to perform and I urge that you grasp the opportunity of service to this Grand Chapter to establish contact with the Grand Chapter whom you represent. The duty of holding these commissions is neither long nor arduous, but the necessity of attending to it promptly is none the less important. I suggest that, immediately after this Grand Convocation, you write the Grand Scribe E. or Secretary of the Grand Chapter you represent outlining the proceedings of this Grand Chapter and expressing, as I said before, our warm fraternal greetings.

I again bid you a hearty welcome, Companions, to this our Eighteenth Annual Convocation.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

R. E. Companion James MacDougall, Alabama.
 R. E. Companion Henry Sandilands, British Columbia.
 M. E. Companion Frederick Watson, Canada.
 R. E. Companion George W. Elliott, Delaware.
 M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, District of Columbia.
 R. E. Companion George E. Cruickshank, Florida.
 R. E. Companion Archibald West, Indiana.
 M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, Maine.
 R. E. Companion George D. Wallace, Manitoba.
 R. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, Maryland.
 M. E. Companion James R. Flan, Michigan.

V. E. Companion Arthur Robinson, Mississippi.
 R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, Missouri.
 M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, Nebraska.
 R. E. Companion Roy M. Anderson, New Brunswick.
 R. E. Companion Frederick J. Summerill, New Hampshire.
 M. E. Companion William T. Coote, New Jersey.
 M. E. Companion George B. McLeod, New York.
 R. E. Companion George S. Armstrong, Nova Scotia.
 M. E. Companion William M. McNab, Ohio.
 R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, Oklahoma.
 M. E. Companion James A. McGhee, Oregon.
 R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy, Quebec.
 M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, Scotland.
 R. E. Companion Harold W. B. Bell, South Dakota.
 R. E. Companion William C. Black, Utah.
 M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, Vermont.
 R. E. Companion Percy Fielding, West Australia.
 R. E. Companion Frederick J. Hand, West Virginia.
 R. E. Companion William J. Haynes, Wisconsin.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, seconded by R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED, That the reading of the Reports of the Grand Second Principal and Grand Third Principal be dispensed with, and that the same be accepted as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS

From the following Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters: John W. Prescott, British Columbia; John M. Empey, Canada; Alex. Frazier, Washington; communications conveying the messages forwarded by their respective jurisdictions.

Invitations to attend this Annual Convocation have been extended to the Grand First Principals of the Grand Chapters of British Columbia, Canada, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the Grand High Priest of North Dakota.

Acknowledgments of invitations to be our guests at this Convocation:

Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario: M. E. Companion Charles W. Haentschel conveys his kindest regards, stating how sorry he is that he cannot attend this Annual Convocation, but hopes that he may have the opportunity at some future date.

Grand Chapter of Manitoba: Advising that M. E. Companion Alex. Little, Grand First Principal, will be present in person to represent that Grand Jurisdiction.

Grand Chapter of North Dakota: M. E. Companion Charles J. Phelan, Grand High Priest, regrets that he is unable to accept the invitation on account of distance and time required going and coming, and conveys his disappointment. He is requesting his Grand Representative to represent him during the Convocation.

Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan: M. E. Companion A. R. Orme regrets that he will be unable to be with us, but wishes all the companions a very pleasant and profitable Convocation.

Invitations were received by this Grand Chapter, asking M. E. Companion McGhee to visit on the dates of their respective annual convocations, from the Grand Chapters of British Columbia, Canada, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and North Dakota. The Grand First Principal's address shows how these were taken care of.

Postcards and letters acknowledging receipt of Alberta's 1931 Proceedings from:

Grand Representatives in California, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Virginia and Washington.

The Grand Chapters of Delaware, England, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, New South Wales, New Zealand, Vermont, West Virginia, Iowa Masonic Library and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England.

Christmas and New Year's Greetings received from—

The Grand Chapters of British Columbia, Canada, Florida, Iowa, Manitoba, Maryland, Nova Scotia, and Saskatchewan.

Grand Representatives in Indiana and New Zealand.

Grand High Priest, Companion Thomas N. McKee of Pennsylvania, Grand Secretary, Companion Charles A. Conover of Michigan.

E. Companion Joseph J. Webster, First Principal of Otuskawan Chapter, and Kether Chapter in this Jurisdiction.

Most Excellent Companions James A. McGhee, John W. G. Morrison, William M. MacNab and Melvin M. Downey.

From the Grand Chapter of British Columbia a letter, dated September 25th, extending the sympathy of that Grand Body in the death of Companion James N. Rankin, Past Grand First Principal.

I requested Grand Representative Walter R. Reed of Fargo, North Dakota, to represent this Grand Chapter at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota on January 26th. I also wired Companion James C. Moore our Grand Representative in Saskatchewan to convey Fraternal Greetings on behalf of our Grand First Principal to the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan then in session.

A letter in acknowledgment of flowers sent on the death of the mother of Companion Follett.

Greetings for this Grand Convocation from the following Grand Representatives, giving assurance of their continued interest and fraternal good wishes—

Companions John W. Prescott, of British Columbia; Charles H. King, of California; George C. Scarborough, of Virginia, and Walter B. Saunders, of Wyoming.

Past Grand First Principals of this Grand Chapter—

Companion John E. Johnson now resident in Victoria, conveying his sincere regrets at not being able to meet with his companions at this Grand Convocation and praying that the greatest success might attend them in their deliberations.

INTERPROVINCIAL COURTESIES

A letter from Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia advising that Brother Eric Berquist, of Hillvue Chapter,

No. 15, had received his Most Excellent Master Mason degree in Nelson Chapter on March 6th, 1931, on the request of this Grand Chapter.

Another letter, dated May 8th, 1931, containing the information that Brother Berquist was exalted to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch on April 15th, 1931, by the same Chapter.

A request, dated December 10th, 1931, was received from the Grand Chapter of Canada to have Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, confer the degrees of Most Excellent Master and the Holy Royal Arch on Brother L. A. Pickell on behalf of Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora, Ontario.

Companion John W. G. Morrison, Scribe E., of Vermilion Chapter, advised me that he would get in touch with Brother Pickell, and that they were prepared to confer the degrees at any time; I wrote to Companion Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, accordingly.

Under date of January 22nd, 1932, the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan wrote confirming waiver of jurisdiction by Acacia Chapter, No. 24, Lancer, Saskatchewan, on Brother Robert Hugh Herman McGill, on behalf of Assiniboia Chapter, No 3, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

ADDRESS OF M. E. COMPANION LITTLE OF MANITOBA

M. E. Companion McGhee: We are honoured indeed to have with us Most Excellent Companion Little and I am sure that we appreciate to the full his presence here today. I am especially glad because when I was in Winnipeg some time ago I had the pleasure of meeting Most Excellent Companion Little and many other outstanding Companions of Manitoba. I assure you that my visit to Manitoba was very very pleasant and many enduring friendships were formed with the wonderful companions of that sister Province.

A year ago we had the privilege of having R. E. Companion Syme, the Grand Scribe E. with us and this was the beginning of close, or rather closer, fraternal relations between the two Grand Chapters, which I sincerely trust will ever continue. I am going, at this time, to call on my very dear friend Most Excellent Companion Little to give us a short address.

M. E. Companion Little: Most Excellent Sir and Companions, I assure you I am not going to take up much of your time now.

I do wish to extend to you the greetings of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, and I thank you, Most Excellent Sir, for the hearty welcome this morning.

You mentioned the friendships which you cemented in Winnipeg while there in February. I can assure you, Most Excellent Sir, that we felt that we did not really do just what we might have under the circumstances. As you mentioned in your report in connection with the Grand Superintendents, it is of great benefit to Grand bodies and Grand Chapter Officers to make fraternal visits. I am here this morning to visit this Grand Body because of the report which I got a year ago from those who then represented the Grand Chapter of Manitoba. I can assure you that we speak in the highest terms of this Grand body. I hope from year to year that we will have the privilege of exchanging visits.

I cannot say much about Edmonton as I only arrived this morning; but I hope I will have the pleasure of spending a few hours looking

around your city. I am here on a double mission. I was asked by the Temple Association of Winnipeg to give this wonderful temple you have here, this building, a look over and find out if we can start building in the Spring. and copy some of your plans. I can assure you from what I have seen this morning, through the courtesy of one of the companions, that I thoroughly approve of all I have seen. The lodge room may be a little small for the attendance we have in Winnipeg, though I don't know what attendance you have here; but of the plans I can well approve.

Most Excellent Sir, I must not take up any more time just now. Again I thank you and the Companions for the hearty welcome I received.

On the motion of M. E. companion James R. Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, That the reading of the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts be dispensed with and that the reports be received and referred to the proper committee thereon.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, seconded by R. E. Companion Frederick J. Hand, it was

RESOLVED, That the reading of the reports of Grand Scribe E. the Treasurer and the Auditor, be dispensed with and that the reports be received and referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, seconded by R. E. Companion Archibald West, it was

RESOLVED, That Grand Chapter be now adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 12:15 o'clock p.m.

FIRST DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

Grand Chapter resumed labor at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

On the motion of M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, seconded by R. E. Companion Archibald West, it was

RESOLVED, That Grand Chapter take this opportunity of expressing its regret at the unfortunate illness of R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, Grand Scribe E.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

M. E. Companion James R. Flan then read the notice of motion given by the Special Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, as follows:

"The undersigned Special Committee of the Grand Chapter of Alberta on Revision of the Constitution hereby gives notice that they will, at the next annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, to be held in the City of Edmonton, on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of March, 1932, move or cause to be moved that the Amendments and Revision of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, prepared by them as the Special Committee appointed by resolution of the Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation in March, 1928, and continued in office from year to year by resolution of the Grand Chapter at its subsequent successive Annual Convocation, which Amendments and Revision have been printed and copies thereof sent by May 31st, 1931, to all Chapters within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter for their consideration, and reports to your Committee from the various Chapters in the Jurisdiction having been received by your Committee by November 1st, 1931, and meanwhile considered and such draft of Revised Constitution having been further revised in the light of such reports, be adopted as finally revised by this Committee and that the present or existing Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, insofar as it may be inconsistent with the Constitution prepared by the said Committee, and now adopted, be, and the same is hereby repealed."

This motion was seconded by R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett.

Subsequent to the reading of this motion some discussion ensued regarding the adoption or rejection of certain suggestions made to the Committee by the various Chapters.

On the suggestion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, it was agreed that Grand Chapter would resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to discuss the various contentious clauses of the Constitution as revised by the Special Committee.

Various clauses were then brought up by several Excellent Companions. The attitude of the Committee was explained by M. E. Companion James R. Flan.

A full discussion occurred on Clause 57 of the Constitution as revised and no decision being presently arrived at, it was, on the motion of M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion William T. Coote,

RESOLVED, That Clause 57 of the Constitution as Revised be referred back to the Special Committee to be redrafted and again submitted to Grand Chapter.

The discussion on the revised Constitution lasted until late in the afternoon, and this item of business being not then completed, it was agreed that it should be resumed on the morrow.

On the motion of M. E. Companion William T. Coote, seconded by E. Companion James A. Donaldson, It was

RESOLVED, That the election of officers for the ensuing year should take place at 2:00 o'clock p.m., March 17th, 1932.

On the suggestion of R. E. Companion Henry Sandilands, it was agreed that Grand Chapter should resume labor at 9:30 o'clock a.m. the next day.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 6:10 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY

MORNING SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

Grand Chapter resumed labor at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Discussion was resumed on the new Constitution as submitted by the Special Committee. Several clauses of the new Constitution were discussed and some minor amendments agreed upon.

After a very full discussion on paragraphs 245 and 226, it was, on motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion Henry Sandilands,

RESOLVED, That paragraph 245 be referred back to the Special Committee to be re-drafted and that paragraph No. 226 be harmonized to conform therewith, and that R. E. Companion Henry Sandilands co-operate with the committee in this matter.

There being no further clauses of the new Constitution brought up for discussion, the matter was placed in abeyance until such time as the Special Committee submitted for consideration the portions referred to them for re-drafting.

Grand Superintendent's Reports

DISTRICT No. 1

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have much pleasure in submitting my Report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 1.

During my year of office, I have visited all the Chapters in my District. On each occasion I was accompanied by Right E. Companion Wallace, also V. E. Companion Taylor, and Companion MacEachern and other members of Mount Horeb Chapter.

My first official visit was to North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton, on April 14th. On this occasion we were honored by having with us M. E. Grand First Principal J. A. McGhee and other Past Grand officers. After a few introductory remarks, M. E. Companion McGhee, assisted by R. E. Companions West and Watson, installed the following officers: John Richardson, Grand Superintendent of District No. 6; Wm. Baxter, Grand Principal Sojourner; Jas. Duncan, Grand Director of Ceremonies; John Hope, Grand Pursuivant; Ed. Bolli, Grand Steward; Hy. Neale, Grand Organist, and J. L. Johnstone, Grand Tyler. The business was conducted in a very creditable manner, the most notable item being the resolution to remove from their present quarters to the New Masonic Temple.

On June 9th, I accompanied M. E. Companion McGhee, Grand First Principal, on his official visit to North Star, No. 2. The officers were complimented on the efficient manner in which they carried out the work of the Most Excellent Master Degree. The interest taken in Capitular Masonry was shown by the presence of many Past Grand Officers. All enjoyed the interesting address on Royal Arch Masonry by the Grand First Principal.

Strathcona Chapter, No. 25.—On May 15th, an Emergent Convocation was held at this Chapter, the Grand First Principal, J. A. McGhee, and myself making our official visit. The H. R. A. Degree was conferred on Brother Pritchard. The officers taking part in this ceremony are to be congratulated on the manner in which they performed their work. A short address was given by the Grand First Principal, and a few remarks were made by the District Superintendent. The meeting was well attended, there being fifty-five names on the register. The books are well kept. This Chapter is in a flourishing condition, with very little outstanding dues. At the close of the meeting the companions were royally entertained at a banquet (with the usual toasts) which was enjoyed by all.

On April 23rd, Mount Horeb, No. 6 (my home Chapter), received a visit from the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee, accompanied by M. E. Companion M. M. Downey and William McNab, Past Grand officers. Companions were present from North Star Chapter, Strathcona Chapter, Capital City Chapter, and Keystone

Chapter, Red Deer. There being no degree work, the Grand First Principal gave a short address on Capitular Masonry. M. E. Companion Downey favored us with an interesting address, using a chart to demonstrate the advancement of the work throughout the world. In spite of the financial depression, we are still advancing, adding new companions to our Chapter. At the close of the meeting a social hour was spent, and short addresses were given by the visiting companions.

At the Regular Convocation of Mount Horeb on January 28th I installed the officers for the ensuing year, assisted by E. Companion Russell and V. E. Companion Taylor.

My visit to Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, was on September 8th. I was accompanied by R. E. Companion G. D. Wallace, Companion D. MacEachern, and Companion Inglis. The weather being fine, we enjoyed our motor trip through the country. We were greeted by M. E. Companion Morrison. The meeting was opened on time by E. Companion Bell, and the M. M. M. Degree was conferred on a brother in a very excellent manner by all the officers. Under the Good of the Order, I gave them a short address and tried to impress upon the companions the necessity of taking a greater interest in Capitular Masonry. This Chapter is in good condition. The books are well kept. The average attendance is very good. We were later treated to a banquet, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

I was invited to attend a Regular meeting of Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam, on May 20th. Although the companions were fully prepared to receive us, the weather conditions at the last moment, made it impossible for me to be present. I attended the June meeting, accompanied by V. E. Companion Taylor, E. Companion V. C. French and Companion MacEachern. Owing to a heavy rain storm, companions living at a distance were not able to get in to this meeting. We, however, had a very enjoyable and profitable chat with the companions from the town at the luncheon.

On September 14th, I accompanied the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee, to an Emergent Meeting at this Chapter. A number of companions from Mount Horeb Chapter journeyed with us. Owing to a misunderstanding, the meeting was not legally called, but, considering the distance some of the members have to come from the country, there was a very good attendance. A very profitable discussion on the proposed new Constitution was had around the banquet table. Since that time, I am sorry to learn, this Chapter has surrendered its Charter to Grand Chapter. I trust that satisfactory adjustments may be made with Grand Chapter, so that Mount Olivet may be reinstated.

Chapter of Instruction.—A Joint Meeting of Instruction of Districts Nos. 1 and 6 was held in the New Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on October 9th, at 8:30 p.m.. Chapter being opened by officers of Capital City. R. E. Companion McCurdy introduced R. E. Companions Watson and Richardson, Grand Superintendents of Districts Nos. 1 and 6 respectively. I was invited by the First Principal to take the chair. R. E. Companion McCurdy was asked to retire and introduce Grand First Principal M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee, who was accompanied by a large number of Grand Chapter Officers, past and present. The meeting was thrown open for questions, and a great number were asked in all three Degrees, and ably answered by R. E. Companion MacPherson, Grand Lecturer. All Chapters in the District were represented. Mount Horeb was invited to do the closing, but was

unable to accept the honor: The meeting was closed by North Star Chapter.

Subsequently we all retired to the Banquet, which was presided over by R. E. Companion J. H. Richardson, Superintendent of District No. 6.

Both Companion Richardson and myself are grateful to the Edmonton Chapters for their assistance in making the District Meeting a success.

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to all companions who in any way assisted me during my term of office.

Faternally submitted,

FINLEY BOYD WATSON,
Superintendent District No. 1.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHAPTERS IN DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 1931

Chapter	Name	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	H.R.A. Degrees Conferred	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets—Cash or Negotiable Securities held	Assets—Paraphernalia or other Property held.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance carried	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to draw from
North Star	2	Edmonton . .	10	1	42	\$4.00	3	3	3	24	Nil	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$288.00	\$ 600.00	Nil	fair	14
Mount Horeb . . .	6	Wetaskiwin . .	7	1	14	3.00	1	0	0	12	Nil	611.00	500.00	\$128.00	480.00	Nil	good	3
Vermilion	14	Vermilion . . .	9	0	16	5.00	2	2	2	41	Nil	300.00	300.00	516.00	300.00	Nil	fair	3
Mount Olivet . . .	17	Killam	5	1	7	5.00	0	0	0	32	106.45	58.15	450.00	531.00	300.00	Nil	poor	12
Stratheona	25	Edmonton . .	10	3	19	5.00	1	1	1	36	37.10	14.52	1,000.00	260.00	1,000.00	Nil	fair	13

DISTRICT No. 2

Chinook, Alberta, March 5th, 1932.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I take much pleasure in submitting for your approval my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 2.

On May 4th, at the Regular Convocation of Hiram Chapter, No. 19, I was invested into office as Grand Superintendent by R. E. Companion J. G. Odell of Hanna Chapter, who was paying a fraternal visit to Hiram Chapter and was accompanied by several companions.

On September 24th, with several companions of Hiram Chapter I visited Hanna Chapter, No. 28. This was also the occasion of the official visit of the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion James A. McGhee. There was a good attendance, which was indicative of the interest being taken in Capitular Masonry, as no degree work was mentioned in the notices of the Convocation. Although this is the baby Chapter of the District, they have made great progress both financially and in membership, and much credit is due to R. E. Companion Odell and other Charter Companions.

On September 28th, accompanied by the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, I officially visited Hiram Chapter, No. 19. This is my home Chapter and it is very seldom that I am absent from their meetings. This Chapter has a large membership. Unfortunately the members are scattered throughout the district and the majority have a long distance to go to attend Convocation; for this reason the average attendance is not large, yet enthusiasm is not waning, the staff of officers of this Chapter being most capable.

The Chapter of Instruction of District No. 2 was held in Hanna on October 2nd, 1931. The four Chapters of the District were well represented and also the Grand Chapter in the persons of M. E. Companion James A. McGhee, Grand First Principal; R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, Grand Lecturer, and R. E. Companion C. R. Wentzel, Grand Scribe E.

The evening was devoted to questions and discussion on degree work. These were ably dealt with, and piloted through by the Grand Lecturer and Grand Scribe E.

Very instructive addresses were given by Grand Chapter Officers and R. E. Companion Fowler of Coronation. These were thoroughly enjoyed and much benefit derived therefrom.

Owing to the economic depression throughout the district, Capitular Masonry is not progressing very fast numerically, but interest and enthusiasm are not decreasing, and I firmly believe that with a return of better times Capitular Masonry will prosper again as it has in the past.

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude to the companions of District No. 2 for electing me to this high office, and trust that I have been of some assistance to the Chapters. I also wish to thank all those companions who in various ways assisted in my work.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES RENNIE,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 2.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHAPTERS IN DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 1931

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	H.R.A. Degrees Conferred	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets—Cash or Negotiable Securities held.	Assets—Paraphernalia or other Property held.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance carried	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to draw from
Hiram	19	Youngstown.	4	1	12	\$4.00	0	0	0	0		\$ 350.00	\$579.50			Nil	Nil	3
Coronation	23	Coronation	5	0	26	6.00	0	0	0	25	\$160.00	537.08	450.00	462.00	450.00	Nil	good	4
Ehveyeh	27	Drumbeller.	8	3	27	5.00	2	4	4	24	318.00	95.85	402.10	205.00		Nil	Fair	4
Hanna	28	Hanna	10	1	15	10.00	2	2	0	18		19.20	600.00	Nil	500.00	Nil	fair	3

DISTRICT No. 3.

Didsbury, Alberta, March 5th, 1932.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It is a pleasure to submit for your consideration a report of my stewardship as Grand Superintendent of District No. 3.

I have visited each Chapter in my district twice, with the exception of Banff Chapter, and have found them all in splendid shape, both as to the efficiency of the officers and the general condition of the Chapters. The books are well kept and in accordance with the requirements of Grand Chapter.

On March 24th, I had the pleasure of accompanying the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal on his official visit to Golden West Chapter, High River, when the Most Excellent Master Degree was conferred in a very excellent manner by Ex. Companion Milligan of Otuskwan Chapter, Calgary.

On April 28th, I accompanied the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal on his official visit to Keystone Chapter, Red Deer, when the Most Excellent Degree was conferred by the officers of the Chapter.

On May 4th, I accompanied the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal on his official visit to Crescent Chapter. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in an impressive manner by the officers.

On May 21st, accompanied by V. E. Companion Alfred Brusso, R. E. Companion George Rounce, and E. Companion W. H. Green, I visited Banff Chapter officially. We had a good meeting, but there was no work. The officers are enthusiastic and the prospects good.

A very pleasant evening of cards was spent with the ladies, after closing the Chapter, and a banquet brought to an end an enjoyable visit.

On June 22nd, I visited Golden West Chapter officially, when the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred by R. E. Companion Gould and his officers in a very creditable manner. The prospects for this Chapter are excellent. Under the very keen leadership of R. E. Companion Gould and his efficient Scribe E., Companion P. G. Thomas, it cannot fail to go ahead.

On October 1st, a Joint Chapter of Instruction for Districts 3 and 4 was held in the Masonic Temple at Calgary. There was a very good attendance. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred by the officers of Otuskwan Chapter No. 9, in a most satisfactory manner.

Inspiring and instructive addresses were delivered by the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and R. E. Companion Follett. The questions asked were very capably dealt with by the Grand Lecturer R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson. A sumptuous banquet, provided by the Calgary Chapters, brought to a fitting close a profitable day.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking R. E. Companion Valentine, and all the companions of the Calgary Chapters who assisted

him, whose efforts so materially assisted in making this meeting a success.

On October 15th, I visited Keystone Chapter, Red Deer. There was only a fair attendance. The Most Excellent Master Degree was conferred in a very able manner. The prospects of this chapter are brighter; the officers are keen and enthusiastic.

On November 2nd, I visited Crescent Chapter, No. 24. There was no degree work. This Chapter is in a very healthy condition, the attendance at meetings is good, and a splendid spirit of harmony prevails.

On November 19th, I had the pleasure of accompanying the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal on his official visit to Otuskwaw Chapter, No. 9. Being Past Z's night, M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, assisted by other Past First Principals, conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree almost faultlessly. A very pleasant hour was spent around the banquet table.

On December 9th, I accompanied the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal on his official visit to Calgary Chapter. There was no degree work; but the election of officers for 1932 took place. Most Excellent Companion McGhee's short address was enjoyed by all.

On January 7th, I was present at a Joint Installation of the officers of Otuskwaw Chapter, No. 9, and Calgary Chapter, No. 11, held in the Masonic Temple, Calgary.

The large number of Grand Chapter Officers present included M. E. Companion McGhee, Grand First Principal; R. E. Companion Follett, Grand Second Principal; M. E. Companions E. G. Ironside and J. R. Flan; R. E. Companions C. R. Wentzel, C. A. MacPherson, C. T. Valentine and Charles Comba. There was in attendance a large number of companions from Sister Chapters. The installation ceremony was conducted very efficiently by M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside assisted by M. E. Companion Flan and R. E. Companion Comba.

V. E. Companion Andy Davison presided at the banquet, which was very thoroughly enjoyed. Both Otuskwaw Chapter and Calgary Chapter are to be congratulated on a splendid meeting that demonstrated the real companionship that should ever exist in Masonry.

On January 13th, I paid my official visit to Calgary Chapter, No. 11. This was the first meeting of the newly elected officers. There was no degree work, but the enthusiasm shown augured well for the coming year. The night was very cold; consequently, the attendance was small.

With the deepest regret, I have to record the passing of our good friend and companion, R. E. Companion George Rounce. The sympathy of every companion in the district is extended to his bereaved wife and son.

Conditions throughout the district are very satisfactory. N.P.D. is the biggest problem in the district, no doubt owing to present economic conditions which we all hope will improve before long.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation of the honour the companions of this district conferred on me, in electing me to the position of Grand Superintendent. I assure you that it is deeply appreciated. I also desire to thank the companions of the different

Chapters for their many acts of kindness to me during my term of office, and especially the companions of Joseph Stauffer Chapter who so willingly accompanied me on my visits and helped me in every way possible.

“Then let us pray that come it may,
As come it will, for a' that,

That man to man, the world o'er,
Shall brothers be, for a' that.”

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES McDOUGALL,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 3.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHAPTERS IN DISTRICT NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 1931

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	H.R.A. Degrees Conferred	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets—Cash or Negotiable Securities held	Assets—Paraphernalia or other Property held.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance carried	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to draw from
Golden West...	5	High River	7	3	24	5.00	3	6	6	60	Nil	\$ 850.00	\$ 350.00	\$690.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 25.00	good	5
Calgary	11	Calgary	10	0	33	5.00	0	0	0	15	Nil	433.80	500.00	98.00	500.00	25.00	fair	C
Keystone	12	Red Deer	7	1	11	4.00	2	2	2	42	\$115.40	1,303.95	240.60	252.00	800.00	Nil	good	8
Banff	20	Banff.	9	2	23	5.00	1	1	1	12	Nil	1,470.78	500.00	115.00	250.00	14.85	good	1
Joseph Stauffer	22	Didsbury	10	0	17	5.00	2	2	2	35	Nil	480.00	600.00	260.00	500.00	Nil	fair	6
Crescent	24	Calgary	10	0	21	4.00	1	1	1	25	140.00	Nil	800.00	130.00	800.00	Nil	fair	C

"C"—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 4

Calgary, Alberta, March 14th, 1932.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your approval the report of my work as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4 during the past year.

I visited all the Chapters in the district on two or more occasions, with the exception of Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano, which I was able to visit only once. Upon the invitation of the Grand Superintendent of District No. 3, I had the pleasure of accompanying him on several of his visits to Chapters in that district.

Capitular Masonry in my district is, generally speaking, in a healthy condition, considering the period of depression we are now experiencing. The officers of the various Chapters are capable; they are making every effort to increase the interest of the companions, and the impressive manner in which the work is done has no doubt resulted in creating a good impression on the minds of the candidates.

It is a matter of regret that the attendance at Chapter meetings is not as large as it should be, although there were several excellent meetings held by some of the Chapters.

On April 13th, 1931, I visited Alberta Chapter, No. 1, and received a hearty welcome from E. Companion C. Scaife, his officers and the companions. This was a regular meeting and the business was conducted very creditably, after which the M.M.M. degree was conferred pleasingly and impressively. An interesting discussion ensued, the subject being the several degrees of The Royal Craft.

The next day, April 14th, I visited Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10 of Gleichen, but, owing to the scattered membership, the meeting was late in opening. The routine business was well transacted. As there were no candidates, the officers exemplified the work of the M.M.M. degree very creditably. On one of my visits to Bow Valley, No. 10, I was accompanied by a large contingent of the members of Crescent Chapter, No. 24, who were paying a fraternal visit. Their officers conferred the H. R. A. degree in a very able manner.

On June 11th, 1931, I visited Strathmore Chapter, No. 11, Strathmore. This was a regular meeting and the business was gone through in the usual manner. The M.M.M. degree was afterwards conferred on a candidate in waiting.

I visited Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano, on January 27th, 1932, the regular meeting night. Upon the conclusion of the regular business, the H.R.A. degree was conferred very impressively. On this occasion I was accompanied by M. E. Companions J. R. Flan and E. G. Ironside, who kindly performed the ceremony of installing the new officers for the ensuing year.

I feel that especial mention should be made of the activities of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, although I have some hesitancy in doing so as this is my own Chapter. Their meeting on November 19th, 1931, at which M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee, Grand First Principal, was present, was the Past First Principals' night. There are fifteen Past

First Principals of this Chapter, and the meeting was unique in that every one of them was present, and occupied a chair during the ceremony of conferring the H.R.A. degree. M. E. Companion J. R. Flanagan acted as Z., V. E. Companion P. A. Moncrief as H., and R. E. Companion F. V. Truesdale as J. After the business had been completed the companions repaired to the banquet room. An interesting Toast List was provided, one of the most impressive Toasts being to the "Pioneers of Capitular Masonry in Alberta." This was ably given by R. E. Companion T. Rankin, and was well received. Another pleasing feature was that more than a hundred companions were present. A further important event in connection with Otuskwan Chapter took place on July 18th, 1931, when they entertained all the children of the Wood's Home, about eighty-three, as well as some thirty children of the members' families. There was a splendid programme of sports and everyone had a most enjoyable time. I should also like to mention that the attendance at their Chapter meetings is excellent; an average of sixty-one members at each meeting.

A joint Chapter of Instruction was held by Districts Nos. 3 and 4 at Calgary on October 1st, 1931, and was well attended by representatives of nearly every Chapter in the two districts. The M.M.M. degree was exemplified by the officers of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, in an efficient manner, after which questions were asked respecting matters of the work of the several degrees and satisfactory explanations given. There were also discussions on the work and general constitutional subjects.

In concluding my report, I desire to thank every companion in my district, as well as the Grand Officers and companions who so kindly assisted me during my term of office, and further I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by my election as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4 for the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

CUTHBERT THOS. VALENTINE,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 4

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHAPTERS IN DISTRICT NO. 4 FOR THE YEAR 1931.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	H.R.A. Degrees Conferred	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets—Cash or Negotiable Securities held	Assets—Paraphernalia or other Property held.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance carried	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to draw from
Alberta.....	1	Calgary.....	10	3	35	\$6.00	6	6	6	81	Nil	\$1,635.00	\$ 763.53	\$549.00	\$1,400.00	\$127.00	good	C
Otuskwan.....	9	Calgary.....	10	2	61	5.00	8	8	8	46	\$187.80	1,144.92	488.39	260.00	600.00	157.70	good	C
Bow Valley.....	10	Gleichen.....	10	0	18	4.00	0	0	0	19	Nil	387.37	400.00	298.00	315.00	50.00	No	2
Strathmore.....	21	Strathmore.....	10	0		6.00	1	1	1	30	Nil	245.38	800.00	184.00	600.00	54.00	fair	3
Harmony.....	26	Bassano.....	10	1	19	6.00	4	4	2	41	36.00	124.79	425.00	344.50	500.00	Nil	good	3

"C"—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 5

Medicine Hat, Alberta, March 1st, 1932.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It gives me much pleasure to report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in District No. 5.

I visited all the Chapters within my jurisdiction at least once during my term of office.

While not in my jurisdiction, I visited Harmony Chapter, No. 26, held at Bassano, on September 23rd, and extended greetings from District No. 5. On this occasion the companions were favored with a visit from the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and a very enjoyable and instructive meeting was held. I appreciate very much the hospitality extended to me by the companions of Harmony Chapter.

It was very pleasing to be able to report that all Chapters in District No. 5 are in what I consider very favorable circumstances, in view of conditions during the year. I venture to say there is not another district in the province where the companions are more optimistic and the meeting with their companions more appreciated. The companions of the different Chapters exchange visits, which is a most enjoyable and profitable way of spending an evening.

On May 21st, 1931, Most Excellent Companion James A. McGhee' Grand First Principal, paid an official visit to Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, at Medicine Hat, during which visit he installed me as Grand Superintendent of District No. 5. His visit was a very pleasant one and was very much appreciated by the membership of Assiniboia Chapter.

I attended every convocation of Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, at Medicine Hat, except when visiting other Chapters in the District. Upon request of First Principal E. King, I was pleased to install the officers on January 21st, 1932. I paid an official visit to this Chapter on February 18th, 1932, and the new officers, under the guidance of First Principal C. W. Niblock, performed the opening and closing and conducted the business in a very satisfactory manner. There was no work, but they have candidates, and degrees will be conferred when the weather moderates enough to permit candidates to come in from the country. This Chapter holds a bridge game on almost every occasion when there is no degree work.

On September 9th, 1931, I attended Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, at Lethbridge, on the occasion of an official visit of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal. In the absence of First Principal W. R. Fowler from the city, E. Companion John A. Livingstone opened and closed the Chapter and conducted the business. No degree work was conferred, but having seen them confer degrees on previous occasions I know they are not wanting in this respect. The address given by the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal was listened to with great interest, as were the remarks of M. E. Companions N. T. McLeod and S. H. Middleton at the banquet which was enjoyed after the close of the convocation. This Chapter is to be congratulated on the attendance at its meetings, there being a good number of visiting companions from other Chapters in the district.

I visited Bekah Chapter, No. 7, at Macleod, at their regular convocation on December 2nd, 1931. There was a very good attendance. At this convocation election of officers took place and was satisfactorily done. First Principal, R. Davis, and his officers opened and closed the Chapter and conducted the business in proper form. M. E. Companions Robert Patterson and S. H. Middleton were present. This Chapter has a good attendance and works together very harmoniously.

On October 8th, 1931, I was present at an emergent convocation of Kether Chapter, No. 8, at Pincher Creek, called for the purpose of receiving the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal. This was attended by practically the full membership of both Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, at Hillcrest, and Kether Chapter. The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal was accompanied by M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton and visitors from other Chapters. There was no work but they opened and closed their Chapter and conducted the business in a satisfactory manner. A banquet was held at the close of the meeting. The companions of this Chapter are very optimistic as to its future. I appreciate very much the attention given me by R. E. Companion T. J. Cumberland, which permitted me to visit many companions and to see the country in which this Chapter is situated.

I visited Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, at Hillcrest, at their regular convocation on September 15th, 1931, and the manner in which I was received by the companions was very gratifying. There was a very good attendance and though there was no work I was assured, by the manner in which First Principal T. O. Davies and his officers opened and closed the Chapter and conducted the business of the convocation, that they were quite capable of conferring degrees. This Chapter though small in membership has a future ahead of it, owing to the spirit that prevails among its members. Through the courtesy of R. E. Companion R. E. Donkin I was privileged to meet many Chapter members whom otherwise I would have been unable to see.

I visited Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, at Claresholm, on September 29th, 1931, on which occasion the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Grand Lecturer were present. There was no work, but the Acting First Principal and officers conducted the business of the convocation satisfactorily. This Chapter is handicapped because practically its entire membership are country members. The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Grand Lecturer gave words of advice and encouragement. A banquet was provided and a very pleasant evening spent with the companions.

The Chapter of Instruction was held in Lethbridge on September 30th, 1931, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Grand Scribe E. and Grand Lecturer, also M. E. Companions N. T. McLeod and S. H. Middleton being present. The proposed constitution was discussed at length and I am sure gave considerable enlightenment to the companions on points on which they had been in doubt. The Grand Chapter members of the committee on the proposed constitution who were present, were able to see the advantages and disadvantages of certain clauses and wording of different clauses in comparing city and country Chapters, enabling them to deal further with the proposed draft before submitting to the Grand Chapter for approval. Many matters of interest were discussed and disposed of satisfactorily. The large attendance was very gratifying and it was very pleasing to meet the large number of companions from outside Chapters. R. E. Companions Wentzel and McPherson entered into the spirit of the meeting and were of considerable assistance to the companions. A very fine banquet and program were arranged by the companions of Shekinah

Chapter, the principal speakers of the evening being M. E. Companion James A. McGhee, Grand First Principal, and M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton. I wish to thank the companions of Shekinah Chapter who so ably assisted to make the Chapter of Instruction the success it was.

It is to be regretted that the Grand Chapter officers did not witness any ritualistic work throughout the district. This was chiefly because very few applications, except for affiliation, are being received owing to the depression which has prevailed during the past year, and partly because the work was done at a time when visitations were impossible.

From my visitations I am convinced the Chapters in the district are keeping their work up by practices and discussions even when there is no work in sight. The financial condition of the Chapters is as good as can be expected with prevalent conditions in our province. The members are very optimistic for the future of Royal Arch Masonry in the district.

In concluding my report I wish to sincerely thank the companions of the district for honoring me the way they did and to thank them for the manner in which they received me on all occasions and for the assistance they gave me during my term of office.

It has been a real pleasure for me to serve the companions of the district and the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

T. A. MONTGOMERY,

Grand Superintendent, District No. 5.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF CHAPTERS IN DISTRICT NO. 6 FOR THE YEAR 1931

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	H.R.A. Degrees Conferred	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets—Cash or Negotiable Securities held	Assets—Paraphernalia or other Property held.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance carried	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to draw from
Assiniboia.....	3	Medicine Hat.....	10	0	25	5.00	4	3	3	40	Nil	\$3,645.00	\$ 248.20	\$215.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 50.00	good	6
Shenandoah.....	4	Lethbridge.....	10	0	23	5.00	0	0	0	72	138.14	775.00	250.00	706.00	1,000.00	60.00	poor	10
Bekah.....	7	Macleod.....	10	0	17	5.00	1	1	1	21	115.25	69.45	600.00	213.50	500.00	28.10	fair	3
Kether.....	8	Pincher Creek.....	10	1		5.00	1	1	1	30	247.50	563.29	350.00	Nil	300.00	Nil	good	2
Hillvue.....	15	Hillcrest.....	9	2	13	6.00	0	0	0	14	Nil	825.00	Nil	84.00	Nil	60.00	good	3
Tau Cross.....	16	Clareholm.....	5	2	10	4.00	0	0	0	22	Nil	124.90	300.00	128.45	Nil	Nil	no	3

DISTRICT No. 6

Edmonton, Alberta, January 31st, 1932.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I beg to submit for your approval a report of my activities as Grand Superintendent of District No. 6.

April 10th, 1931. Capital City Chapter, No. 13.—The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred in a splendid manner by E. Companion J. Cleaverly and officers. Attendance very good.

April 14th, 1931. North Star Chapter, No. 2.—For the purpose of being installed as Grand District Superintendent of District No. 6. The installing ceremony was conducted by M. E. Companions Jas. A. McGhee, assisted by R. E. Companion F. B. Watson, Grand Superintendent District No. 1. There was a splendid turnout of companions from all city Chapters, four Past Grand First Principals and many past and present Grand Chapter officers. being present.

April 17th, 1931. Strathcona Chapter.—The Most Excellent Master's Degree was put on by the officers in a very efficient manner. Attendance good.

April 23rd, 1931. Mount Horeb Chapter.—I attended this Chapter with North Star Chapter, which was paying a fraternal visit on the occasion of M. E. Companion Jas. A. McGhee's official visit. With us were M. E. Companions M. Downey and W. McNab; R. E. Companions A. West and G. J. W. Baxter; and V. E. Companion Hope. City Chapters also were represented.

April 24th, 1931. Capital City Chapter.—The Most Excellent Master's Degree was put on by E. Companion G. Rait and the officers in a splendid manner. There was a very fine turn-out of companions from other Chapters.

May 7th, 1931. Norwood Chapter.—This was the occasion of the official visit of M. E. Companion Jas. A. McGhee. Present and Past Grand Chapter officers present were R. E. Companions A. West, Elliott, Lambertson, Summerill, Baxter, and E. Companions from other Chapters. There was also a fine turn-out of companions.

May 15th, 1931. Strathcona Chapter.—The official visit of M. E. Companion Jas. A. McGhee. He was accompanied by M. E. Companions Downey and Coote; R. E. Companions A. West and F. B. Watson, Grand Superintendent District No. 1. Many Excellent Companions and companions from other Chapters were present.

May 22nd, 1931. Capital City Chapter made application to move from the old Masonic Hall, 102nd Street, to the New Masonic Temple. I wrote on June 1st, expressing my pleasure in granting the request.

September 3rd, 1931. Norwood Chapter.—There was a good turnout of Principals and companions from other Chapters. M. E. Companion Downey was present.

September 11th, 1931. Capital City Chapter, No. 13.—This was their first meeting in the New Masonic Temple, and the occasion of the official visit of M. E. Companion Jas. A. McGhee, who was accom-

panied by several Past Grand Principals and Past and Present Grand Chapter officers. Many Principals and companions from other Chapters attended.

September 25th, 1931. Capital City Chapter, No. 13.—This was my official visit, and I was greeted by a goodly company of Grand Chapter officers, Past and Present Principals and companions of other Chapters.

I was unable, owing to illness, to attend North Star Chapter, No. 2, on the occasion of the official visit of Most E. Companion Jas. A. McGhee.

October 1st, 1931. Norwood Chapter, No. 18.—A fair muster of companions. No work.

October 9th, 1931. Capital City Chapter, No. 13.—The Annual District Chapter of Instruction. There was a large turn-out of Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers and Principals and companions from all Chapters in Districts Nos. 1 and 6. R. E. Companion F. B. Watson was in the chair. After the honours had been given to the District Superintendents and M. E. Companion Jas. A. McGhee, questions re the work in the three degrees were asked the Grand Lecturer who seemed to enjoy answering so many questions. A vote of thanks was given to R. E. Companion McPherson for the able manner in which he had performed a difficult task. The meeting was proclaimed by all a success.

October 23rd, 1931. Capital City Chapter, No. 13.—The M.E.M. Degree was exemplified by E. Companion George Rait and his officers in a splendid manner. Attendance very good.

Nov. 5th, 1931. Norwood Chapter, No. 18.—There was a fair attendance of companions. No work.

November 27th, 1931. Capital City Chapter, No. 13.—The R.A.M. Degree was impressively conferred by E. Companion W. Hill and his officers. There was a large company of Past and Present Grand Chapter officers, Principals and companions from other Chapters.

December 3rd, 1931. Norwood Chapter, No. 18.—I was unable to attend, owing to a severe cold. There was no election of officers, and it was unanimously agreed to let the officers keep their chairs for another year. The attendance was good.

December 7th, 1931. Norwood Chapter, No. 18.—There was a fair attendance of companions and visitors.

January 8th, 1932. Capital City Chapter, No. 13.—Regular meeting. There was a good turn-out of Grand Chapter officers and companions from other Chapters. The officers were installed in a very able manner by R. E. Companion Summerill.

January 12th, 1932. Edson Chapter, No. 30.—I paid my official visit and was warmly welcomed by the officers and companions. I was accompanied by R. E. Companion Summerill. The R. A. M. Degree was ably conferred by the officers. Afterwards the officers for 1932 were installed by R. E. Companion Summerill, assisted by myself and E. Companion F. Mayer. The attendance was good, and I thank them for the very hearty welcome.

January 13th, 1932. David Thompson Chapter, No. 29.—This was my official visit and I was agreeably welcomed by the companions.

The officers were installed by R. E. Companion Summerill. The attendance was fair. I am sure this Chapter will go ahead in 1932. They are fortunate in having E. Companion Shaw in the chair for the second term. We attended a banquet and the Craft Lodge, and a good time was enjoyed by all. I thank the companions of David Thompson Chapter for their kindness to us.

In conclusion, I would like to state that the Chapters in this District have good officers, who carry out the work uniformly and take a great interest in it.

I examined the books and found them in good order. The Historical Records are well written up.

I take this opportunity of thanking the companions of District No. 6 for the honour conferred on me in electing me Grand District Superintendent. I sincerely appreciate the courtesy and good fellowship shown to me on all my visits.

Faternally submitted,

JOHN H. RICHARDSON,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 6.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHAPTERS IN DISTRICT NO. 6 FOR THE YEAR 1931

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	H.R.A. Degrees Conferred	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets—Cash or Negotiable Securities held	Assets—Paraphernalia or other Property held.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance carried	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. Lodges to draw from
Capital City . . . 13	Edmonton 10					\$5.00	5	5	5	91	Nil	\$1,456.00	\$ 700.00	\$873.80	\$ 700.00	Nil	fair	C
Horwood 18	Edmonton 10					5.00	0	0	0	7	Nil	Nil	600.00	Nil	600.00	Nil	fair	C
David Thompson 29	Jasper 8					6.00	0	0	0	2	Nil	90.00	800.00	48.00	500.00	Nil	no	1
Edson 30	Edson 9					5.00	4	4	2	4	174.50	72.12	450.00	18.00	500.00	Nil	good	1
						3.00												

"C"—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

Grand Scribe E's Report

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

In presenting for your consideration this my seventh annual report as your Grand Scribe E., I regret that I have to record a somewhat larger decrease in membership than last year, although considering the trying times that the world in general is passing through, and comparing our statement of membership with those of other jurisdictions, our losses are really slight.

The decrease is not attributable solely to suspensions for non-payment of dues; admissions have also dropped off and there are those who do not value their connection with Capitular Masonry sufficiently to maintain their membership therein, and have demitted. I feel that it is incumbent on this Grand Chapter to see that Master Masons are fully informed of the necessity of completing the Master Mason Degree by being exalted to the Holy Royal Arch, and also to impress upon the officers the necessity of so presenting their work that a lasting impression is made upon those they exalt to that sublime degree.

May I be permitted to point out to the Committee on Audit and Finance the importance of so adjusting the Per Capita charges that the amount collected will be sufficient to take care of the current expenses of Grand Chapter without drawing on the surplus.

In the course of transferring to the membership cards the record of marks registered, I find that a large number have been overlooked by the various Chapters. There is only one Chapter in the jurisdiction whose Book of Marks is 100 per cent complete. A list of the names of those companions who have not as yet registered their marks will be forwarded to the Chapters concerned so that this record can be completed. Our constitution provides that a mark must be selected before the brother receives the Most Excellent Master degree.

Reference to the detailed reports of Chapters, officers and committees given herewith will enable the reader to deduce the numerical and financial standing of the Chapters of this jurisdiction.

Statement of Membership

Number of Regular Chapters.....	30	
Number of Members, December 31st, 1930.....		2,813
Increase		
Admissions to December 31st, 1931.....	57	
Affiliations to December 31st, 1931.....	21	
Restorations to December 31st, 1931.....	8	
		86
Decrease		
Demitted to December 31st, 1931.....	63	
Suspensions to December 31st, 1931.....	69	
Deaths to December 31st, 1931.....	30	
		162
Net Decrease for year 1931.....		76
Number on Roll December 31st, 1931.....		<u>2,737</u>

AMOUNTS DUE FROM CHAPTERS FEB. 29, 1932

Alberta, No. 1.....	\$ 1.50
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	2.00
Golden West, No. 5.....	11.65
Bekah, No. 7.....	4.79
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	4.00
Hillvue, No. 15.....	55.65
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	5.50
Mount Olivet, No. 17.....	5.60
Norwood, No. 18.....	10.15
Hiram, No. 19.....	1.75
Coronation, No. 23.....	6.48
Crescent, No. 24.....	24.05
Strathcona, No. 25.....	11.45
Harmony, No. 26.....	8.70
Eheyeh, No. 27.....	17.75
Hanna, No. 28.....	3.80
Edson, No. 30.....	11.80
Bowhaven Lodge,..	5.00
	<u>-----\$191.62</u>

LESS CREDITS TO CHAPTERS FEB. 29, 1932

North Star, No. 2.....	.45
Shekinah, No. 4.....	.10
Kether, No. 8.....	2.10
Bow Valley, No. 10.....	1.85
Capital City, No. 13.....	2.20
Vermilion, No. 14.....	13.15
Strathmore, No. 21.....	4.70
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	8.00
David Thompson, No. 29.....	11.15
	<u>-----\$ 43.70</u>
	<u>-----\$147.92</u>

CASH STATEMENT

Collected on account of Benevolent Fund, 1931-32.	\$ 668.25	
Received from Chapters, 1931-1932.....	2,597.86	
Received from sale of Bonds.....	500.00	
Received from Interest on Savings Certificates....	207.01	
Paid to Grand Treasurer (see Grand Treasurer's Statement).....		\$3,973.12
	<u>\$3,973.12</u>	<u>\$3,973.12</u>

**BANK STATEMENTS
BENEVOLENT FUND**

Cash in Bank March 1st, 1931.....	\$1,390.83	
Collected in 1931-1932.....	668.25	
Amount paid to Beneficiaries.....		\$ 350.00
Balance in Bank less overdraft on General Fund...		1,709.08
	<u>\$2,058.08</u>	<u>\$2,058.08</u>

GENERAL FUND

Overdrawn on General Fund Bank Account, March 1st, 1931.....		\$ 411.26
Cash received from Chapters 1931-1932.....	\$2,597.86	
Cash received from Bonds.....	500.00	
Cash received from Interest.....	207.01	
Cheques paid on orders drawn on Grand Treasurer, 1931-1932.....		3,127.47
Overdrawn on General Fund Bank Account, Feb. 29th, 1932.....	233.86	
	<u>\$3,538.73</u>	<u>\$3,538.73</u>

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For Twelve Months ended February 29th, 1932

By Annual Per Capita dues.....	\$1,336.50	
Certificates of Past Principals and others.....	6.00	
Dispensations.....		30.00
Interest received during period.....	\$ 207.01	
Interest accrued on Savings Certificates.....	31.56	
	<u>\$ 238.57</u>	
Less Interest set up as accrued Feb. 28, 1931.....	35.33	
		203.24
Life Memberships.....		100.00
Registrations and Royal Arch Certificates.....		183.00
Registrations of Affiliations.....		15.00
Confirmation of Warrants or Charters.....		30.00
Supplies—Sales.....	\$ 734.92	
To cost of supplies sold:		
Inventory February 28, 1931.....	\$ 833.43	
Purchases 1931-1932.....	611.02	
	<u>\$1,444.45</u>	
Less Inventory February 29, 1932.....	766.85	
		57.32
Net cost of supplies sold.....	<u>\$ 677.60</u>	
Gross Revenue.....		<u>\$1,961.06</u>

To Expense:	
Auditing.....	\$ 35.00
Editing and Proofreading.....	15.00
Engrossing.....	16.00
Entertainment.....	8.50
Exchange.....	.25
Express.....	3.26
Flowers.....	31.25
Grand Chapter Convocation Expense.....	162.79
Grand Officers Travelling Expense... \$ 580.90	
Estimated as due and unpaid..... 150.00	
Grand Scribe E., salary.....	730.90
Office Expense.....	720.00
Postage.....	5.95
Premium on Insurance..... \$ 25.34	
Less unearned..... 8.30	
Premium on Bonds.....	17.04
Presentation regalia.....	3.00
Proceedings, printing..... \$ 481.40	
Postage..... 16.62	
Photography and cuts.....	498.02
Refund on regalia.....	13.74
Rent of Safety Deposit Box.....	14.95
Reserve for Depreciation:	3.00
Grand Officer's Regalia..... \$ 71.32	
Office Furniture..... 26.92	
Stone, Cuts, etc..... 14.80	
	113.04
Stationery and Printing:	
Inventory Feb. 28, 1931..... \$ 239.52	
Purchases 1931-1932..... 61.47	
	\$ 300.99
Less Inventory Feb. 29, 1932..... 227.79	
	73.20
Stenographer reporting Annual Convocation . . .	15.00
Telegrams and Long Distance Telephone.....	5.55
Gross Expense.....	\$2,605.79
Net Loss for year.....	
	\$ 644.73

Balance Sheet as at February 29th, 1932

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

Province of Alberta Savings Certificates. . .	\$1,500.00
Due from Chapters.	191.62
Grand Officers' Regalia.	1,426.34
Office Furniture, Books, etc.	551.15
Stone and Cuts.	148.00
Library.	66.12
Type standing for new Constitution.	164.32
Insurance—Unearned.	8.30
Interest—Accrued.	31.56
Inventory:	
Supplies for re-sale.	\$766.85
Stationery and Printing.	227.79
	994.64

LIABILITIES

To Bank Account.	\$	233.86
Chapters.		43.70
Grand First Principal.		150.00
Reserve for Depreciation:		
On Grand Officers' Regalia. \$	606.85	
Allowance for 1931-1932.	71.32	
		\$678.17
On Office Furniture, etc.	195.91	
Allowance for 1931-1932.	26.92	
		222.83
On Stone and Cuts.	88.80	
Allowance for 1931-1932.	14.80	
		103.60
		1,004.60
Surplus Account:		
Balance February 28, 1931.	\$4,294.62	
Less Net Decrease as per Revenue Statement.	644.73	
		3,649.89
		\$5,082.05

BENEVOLENT FUND

Province of Alberta Savings Certificates.	\$3,000.00
Bank Account.	1,709.08
	\$4,709.08

RESTORED TO MEMBERSHIP

Alberta, No. 1.....Ernest R. Muir and Percy Taylor.
 North Star, No. 2.....William Gray and Robert Knox.
 Shekinah, No. 4.....Stephen Burton Mitchell.
 Bekah, No. 7.....Hugh Stanley Bailey.
 Otuskwan, No. 9.....Archibald Wilbur Ewers.
 Crescent, No. 24.....Percy Elvis Ross.

DEMITTED

Alberta, No. 1.....Archie L. Clemens, Edwin Gammon, Cecil
 Ernest Halliday, James A. Isbester, Andrew
 Ray MacDougall, Samuel G. May, Robert
 Brotherton Valleau, Stanley Miller Walker,
 Walter Salisbury Woods and Percy Taylor.
 North Star, No. 2.....Charles W. Coppock, (Dr.) Francis J. Follins-
 bee, Archibald Elder Jamieson, Robert
 Knox, William John Martin, William
 Maunder, Andrew P. Murchie, Charles
 Ethelbert Ross and Albert Charles Wittam.
 Assiniboia, No. 3.....Elmer Sidney Hodges.
 Shekinah, No. 4.....Israel Annsley Braithwait and Garret William
 Green.
 Golden West, No. 5.....David Charles Jones.
 Mount Horeb, No. 6.....James Watson Younge.
 Bekah, No. 7.....James G. Scott.
 Otuskwan, No. 9.....Edward Ernest Campbell, Austin Bingley
 Claypool, George Fordyce, Sidney John
 Hughes, Andrew Alexander McGillivray
 and William James McLeod.
 Bow Valley, No. 10.....John Lunan.
 Calgary, No. 11.....Andrew Smith Brown and Leonard Harry
 Cooper.
 Keystone, No. 12.....Olaf Emanuel Larsen and (Dr.) John Camp-
 bell Shillabeer.
 Capital City, No. 13.....William John Charles Carswell and Harry A.
 Love.
 Vermilion, No. 14.....William R. Brown.
 Mount Olivet, No. 17.....Herman Brodie Wood, Guy Reginald Murray
 (1930) and Frank P. O'Connor.
 Norwood, No. 18.....George F. McPhee.
 Banff, No. 20.....John Evans Shakerley.
 Strathmore, No. 21.....Hugo Frederick Fenske, Denny Howell,
 Charles Spurgeon B. Lait and Philip Ray-
 mond Prince.
 Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....John Wright.
 Coronation, No. 23.....William Phillips Graydon, Edward Lionel
 Little, Alexander Dalhousie Matheson
 Gardner England Pepper and Jesse Ruttan.
 Crescent, No. 24.....Robert Joynson Cave and Omer H. Patrick,
 Harmony, No. 26.....Athol Alonzo Cashman, Earl Royal Palmer
 Copeland, Edward Fessenden and Frank
 Edward O'Conner.
 Hanna, No. 28.....Frederick William Fleming.
 David Thompson, No. 29.....Charles N. Milner and William C. Shovar.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

- Alberta, No. 1. William John Bathgate, William W. Bell, Walter Webb Brailey, Albert Douglas Calum, John McGregor Campbell, Norman Castle, William Collett, Russell H. Cummings, William H. Devine, Benjamin C. Franklin, Thomas Dodds, Louis Girdler, George Hamilton, William Howe, (Dr.) George Ray Johnson, Carmen F. Lief, Colin Lewis, John McComb, Oscar L. McQuay, Robert Pearson, Harold R. Roach, Stephen H. Stevens, J. A. Crozier Stewart, William Frederick Taylor, William Turner, John Thomas Warren, Walter Woodhouse and (Dr.) Victor W. Wright.
- North Star, No. 2. Samuel F. Coombs, Heber Ira F. Hobbs, Ralph Clayton Hulbert, Alexander S. Livingstone, Albert J. McIntyre, Donald Duncan McMillan, Maurice Daniel Parry and Harry Arthur Slight.
- Shekinah, No. 4. George Arthur Delany.
- Golden West, No. 5. George August Hess.
- Mount Horeb, No. 6. Frank Folesome Bailey and Thomas Charles Smith.
- Otuskwan, No. 9. Schuyler W. Barham, Sidney Hughes Bray and Moses H. Brotman.
- Bow Valley, No. 10. Hugh Robert D. Robson.
- Calgary, No. 11. Mungo Connacher, Calver Busby Glover, Cyril William Langford and Donald McKenzie.
- Keystone, No. 12. David Lavern Dick, John Russell Dickson, Alexander R. Gibson, Hadley Charles Goodhand, Charles A. Little, Henry James Percy, Dugald Pyke and John Sangster.
- Tau Cross, No. 16. Bertram Garrow Cooper and Charles Munroe Grobe.
- Norwood, No. 18. Richard Norman Beatty and Edgar D. Crump.
- Banff, No. 20. Charles Howard Clarke, William Benjamin Day and Robert Lundy McIlveen.
- Coronation, No. 23. Horace Norman Fisher and Claude Keagle Sutherland.
- Crescent, No. 24. James Findlay.
- David Thompson, No. 29. Charles B. Hunter and Douglas R. Sutherland.

SUSPENDED FOR U. M. C.

- Otuskwan, No. 9. Charles O. Pennington.

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1.....John L. Murdock and James Norris Rankin.
 North Star, No. 2.....Frank Abernethy McCord and (Judge) Hed-
 ley Clarence Taylor.
 Assiniboia, No. 3.....Herbert F. Morley, William George Niblock
 and William A. Taylor.
 Shekinah, No. 4.....John Calderhear Livingstone.
 Golden West, No. 5.....Thomas Baird and Hugh Patterson.
 Mount Horeb, No. 6.....Jeffrey G. Griffiths and (Judge) Clarence
 Hedley Taylor.
 Bekah, No. 7.....George William Irwin.
 Kether, No. 8.....Alexander William Crum.
 Otuskwan, No. 9.....Frank Ellis Richmond.
 Calgary, No. 11.....John Andrew Fraser and James Norris
 Rankin.
 Capital City, No. 13.....David S. Allan, Albert G. Bowden and Nels
 B. Lindholm.
 Vermilion, No. 14.....William John Seed.
 Tau Cross, No. 16.....William Thomas Cochrane and Wilfred Carter
 Marsh.
 Norwood, No. 18.....John J. Green and Jacob Wilson McKay.
 Joseph Stauffer, No. 22..George F. Smith.
 Crescent, No. 24.....Arthur C. Casey.
 Strathcona, No. 25.....Benjamin Madill.
 Hanna, No. 28.....(Judge) John Douglas Reginald Stewart.
 Edson, No. 30.....Ernest Wynne Davies.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Scribe E.

Report of Grand Treasurer

March 1st, 1931, to February 29th, 1932

Mar. 1, 1931—Cash in Bank.....	\$1,259.57
Less outstanding cheques.....	280.00
	\$ 979.57
Received from Grand Scribe E.....	3,973.12
	\$4,952.69

AMOUNTS PAID BY CHEQUE

March 1st, 1931, to February 29th, 1932

1931			
Mar. 25	Beneficiary of Benevolent Fund, Companion N. T.....	\$ 100.00	
Mar. 25	W. A. Ackland Agencies, premium on insurance.....	25.34	
Mar. 25	Co-Operative Letter Co., multigraphing..	1.50	
Mar. 25	Lintons Bookstore, stationery.....	1.25	
Mar. 25	Muir Cap & Regalia, Ltd., regalia.....	63.44	
Mar. 25	Calgary Photo Engraving Co., cut.....	2.78	
Mar. 25	Conway's Limited, cigars.....	4.00	
Mar. 25	Archibald B. McCurdy, Gd. Supt. allowance.....	25.00	
Mar. 25	George A. Rounce, Gd. Supt. allowance..	25.00	
Mar. 25	Albert E. Portman, Gd. Supt. allowance..	20.00	
Mar. 25	Frederick J. Summerill, Gd. Supt. allowance.....	25.00	
Mar. 25	Ambrose Kent & Sons, Ltd., supplies....	8.55	
Mar. 25	Septimus H. Davies, Tyler's services....	10.00	
Mar. 25	Calgary Masonic Temple, Ltd., rent.....	40.00	
Mar. 25	Hotel Palliser, entertainment.....	4.50	
April 4	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., printing and stationery.....	5.66	
April 4	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., Proceedings....	93.73	
April 4	John D. McAra, Ltd., binding Proceedings	50.50	
April 4	Beneficiary of Benevolent Fund, Companion J.G.M.....	100.00	
April 4	Beneficiary of Benevolent Fund, widow of Companion J.J.G.....	100.00	
April 10	Calgary Masonic Temple, Ltd., entertainment.....	58.85	
April 10	Henry Birks & Sons, Ltd., jewels.....	19.00	
April 10	John W. G. Morrison, Gd. First Principal's travelling expense.....	33.35	
April 10	Knights' Bindery, office expense.....	2.53	
April 30	John H. Routledge, engrossing.....	13.00	
April 30	John G. Odell, Gd. Supt. allowance.....	20.00	
April 30	Robert E. Donkin, Gd. Supt. allowance..	25.00	
Mar. 31	Exchange on Mt. Olivet returned cheque	.25	
May 8	Grand Scribe E., postage, express, office expense and Gd. Chapter expense....	17.20	
May 8	W. A. Ackland Agencies, premium on bonds.....	3.00	
May 8	Muir Cap & Regalia, Ltd., regalia.....	64.00	
May 8	Henry Birks & Sons, Ltd., jewels.....	5.00	
May 29	N. W. J. Haydon, Masonic books.....	24.24	
		\$ 991.67	

1931		Carried Forward	\$ 991.67
May 29	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., printing		10.50
May 29	Henry W. Ford, auditing fee		35.00
May 29	Grand Scribe E., salary		180.00
June 19	Co-Operative Letter Co., multigraphing ..		1.65
June 19	Henry Birks & Sons, Ltd., jewels		45.00
June 19	Campbell Floral Seeds & Nurseries, Ltd., flowers		20.00
June 19	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., supplies		164.32
July 11	Grand Scribe E., postage and telegrams ..		11.07
July 28	Frank T. Matthews, reporting proceedings ..		15.00
July 28	E. B. Curlette, photo and mounting		5.00
July 28	McDermid Studios, Ltd., photo and exchange		3.10
July 28	Muir Cap & Regalia, Ltd., regalia		13.10
July 28	Edwin G. Ironside, refund on regalia		14.95
July 28	Calgary Stamp & Stencil Works, office expense		.50
Sept. 22	Calgary Photo Engraving Co., cut		2.86
Sept. 22	Muir Cap & Regalia, Ltd., regalia		63.00
Sept. 28	Grand Scribe E., postage and telegrams ..		5.70
Sept. 28	Grand Scribe E., postage on Proceedings ..		16.62
Oct. 2	James A. McGhee, Grand First Principal's travelling expense		96.95
Oct. 2	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., Proceedings and printing		428.38
Oct. 6	Cyril A. MacPherson, Gd. Lecturer's travelling expense		31.70
Oct. 23	Cyril A. MacPherson, Gd. Lecturer's travelling expense		23.15
Oct. 23	F. E. Osborne, Grand First Principal's expense		4.10
Nov. 2	Beneficiary of Benevolent Fund, Com- panion W. E.		50.00
Nov. 10	Grand Scribe E., office expense, postage and telegrams		8.14
Nov. 10	Arthur E. Fosten, editing and proof reading		15.00
Nov. 26	Hamilton Stamp & Stencil Works, Ltd., supplies		49.14
Nov. 26	Henry Birks & Sons, Ltd., jewels		49.50
Dec. 10	Grand Scribe E., postage		9.00
Dec. 10	John H. Routledge, engrossing		1.00
Dec. 10	Henry Birks & Sons, Ltd., jewels		36.00
Dec. 10	Campbell Floral Seeds & Nurseries, Ltd., flowers		11.25
Dec. 10	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., printing and stationery and supplies		33.14
1932			
Jan. 4	Muir Cap & Regalia, Ltd., regalia		113.01
Jan. 8	Royal Bank, rent of deposit box		3.00
Jan. 14	James A. McGhee, Grand First Principal's travelling expense		251.65
Jan. 14	Grand Scribe E., salary		180.00
Feb. 3	Grand Scribe E., salary, postage and tele- grams		199.84
Feb. 3	Muir Cap & Regalia, Ltd., regalia		32.76
Feb. 3	John H. Routledge, engrossing		2.00
Feb. 3	Ambrose Kent & Sons, Ltd., supplies		4.93
			\$3,232.68

1932	Carried Forward	\$3,232.68	
Feb. 17	Henry Birks & Sons, Ltd., jewels.....	22.50	
Feb. 17	Office Specialty Manufacturing Co., Ltd., furniture.....	12.81	
Feb. 17	Albertan Job Press, Ltd., stationery and printing and Grand Chapter expense..	29.48	
Feb. 29	Grand Scribe E., salary.....	180.00	
			\$3,477.47
Feb. 29	Bank Balance.....	\$1,668.03	\$1,475.22
	Less outstanding cheques.....	192.81	
			\$1,475.22
Outstanding cheques:			
	Office Specialty Manufacturing Co., Ltd.....	\$ 12.81	
	C. R. Wentzel, Grand Scribe E.....	180.00	
		\$ 192.81	

Fraternally submitted,

William C. Black

Grand Treasurer

Auditor's Report

Calgary, March 4th, 1932.

To the Audit and Finance Committee of the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Gentlemen:

I have examined the books, vouchers and financial reports of Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer for the year ending February 29th, 1932.

Since my last report a Savings Certificate in the amount of \$500 has been cashed and \$350 has been paid in Benevolence. There remains \$4500 in these certificates in the safety deposit box at the bank and have been examined by me.

Depreciation on Grand Chapter property has been maintained at the usual rates. All my requirements as auditor have been complied with and the attached Balance Sheet is, in my opinion, properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial state of affairs of the Grand Chapter as at February 29th, 1932, the books conforming therewith.

Yours fraternally,

Henry W. Ford

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1931

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Members Dec. 31, 1930	Admissions	Affiliations	Restorations	Demitted	Suspensions	Deaths	Members Dec. 31, 1931	Increase	Decrease	Net Increase
1	Alberta.....	Calgary.....	2nd Monday.....	Alexander Morrice.....	Norman B. Williams.....	280	6	2	2	10	28	2	250	.....	30	.....
2	North Star.....	Edmonton.....	2nd Tuesday.....	William Orr.....	Leslie H. Reilly.....	188	3	2	2	2	9	3	176	.....	12	.....
3	Assiniboia.....	Medicine Hat.....	3rd Thursday.....	Clarence W. Niblock.....	Walter B. Stevens.....	165	4	.....	.....	1	1	1	165	.....	.....	.....
4	Shelkna.....	Lethbridge.....	2nd Wednesday.....	Donald J. Lonsberry.....	Thos. R. Davidson.....	182	.....	1	1	2	1	1	179	.....	3	.....
5	Golden West.....	High River.....	4th Tuesday.....	Percy Taylor.....	Percy G. Thomas.....	106	3	1	1	1	1	2	106	.....	.....	.....
6	Mount Horch.....	Wetaskiwin.....	4th Thursday.....	Horace G. Finch.....	George D. Wallace.....	67	1	1	1	1	2	2	64	.....	3	.....
7	Bekah.....	Macleod.....	1st Wednesday.....	Grier R. Davis.....	Arthur Young.....	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	52	.....	1	.....
8	Kether.....	Pincher Creek.....	3rd Thursday.....	William Laidlaw.....	Cyrus E. Finders.....	53	1	.....	.....	6	4	1	53	.....	.....	.....
9	Onaskwan.....	Calgary.....	1st Thursday.....	George F. Milligan.....	John Cowey.....	174	8	3	1	.....	1	1	175	.....	1	.....
10	Bow Valley.....	Gleichen.....	2nd Tuesday.....	Edgar W. Taylor.....	Thomas H. Beach.....	45	1	.....	.....	1	1	1	44	.....	1	.....
11	Calgary.....	Calgary.....	2nd Wednesday.....	William F. Howarth.....	Orrie W. Harris.....	105	.....	2	4	2	9	2	97	.....	8	.....
12	Keystone.....	Red Deer.....	3rd Thursday.....	Alfred G. Ayres.....	Henry B. Maunsell.....	118	2	.....	.....	2	8	.....	110	.....	.....	.....
13	Capital City.....	Edmonton.....	2nd Friday.....	George Rait.....	David McIntosh.....	208	5	1	.....	2	.....	3	209	.....	1	.....
14	Vermilion.....	Vermilion.....	2nd Tuesday.....	Thomas Watts.....	John W. G. Morrison.....	70	2	.....	.....	1	1	1	70	.....	.....	.....
15	Hillvue.....	Hillcrest.....	3rd Tuesday.....	Walter Lord.....	Harold Henderson.....	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	.....	.....	.....
16	Tau Cross.....	Clareholm.....	2nd Tuesday.....	Walter R. Jones.....	Edward H. Mack.....	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	37	.....	4	.....
17	Mount Olivet.....	Killam.....	3rd Wednesday.....	Frank Grandage.....	William Smith Jr.....	74	1	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	72	.....	2	.....
18	Norwood.....	Edmonton.....	1st Thursday.....	George Blyth.....	John F. Hall.....	78	.....	.....	.....	1	2	2	73	.....	5	.....
19	Hiram.....	Youngstown.....	Monday on or after full moon.....	James E. McLeod.....	Norman Steekle.....	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	58	.....	.....	.....
20	Banff.....	Banff.....	3rd Thursday.....	Charles H. McAuley.....	Arthur N. Saddington.....	69	1	.....	.....	1	3	.....	66	.....	3	.....
21	Strathmore.....	Strathmore.....	2nd Thursday.....	Thomas S. Hughes.....	Walter E. Mercer.....	58	1	1	1	4	.....	.....	56	.....	2	.....
22	Joseph Stauffer.....	Disbury.....	1st Wednesday.....	J. Lester Clarke.....	James McDougall.....	60	2	1	.....	1	1	1	61	.....	1	.....
23	Coronation.....	Coronation.....	2nd Thursday after full moon.....	James H. Ballantyne.....	Fred'k W. Fleming.....	64	.....	3	.....	5	2	1	60	.....	4	.....
24	Crescent.....	Calgary.....	1st Monday.....	Cecil C.G. Duthie.....	Frank W. Keyte.....	102	1	2	1	2	1	1	102	.....	.....	.....
25	Strathcona.....	So. Edmonton.....	1st Friday.....	Duncan H.S. Gillis.....	Owen J. Barker.....	71	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	71	.....	.....	.....
26	Harmony.....	Rassano.....	4th Wednesday.....	Charles C. Elliott.....	James R. Donaldson.....	86	4	.....	.....	4	.....	1	86	.....	.....	.....
27	Ebeyon.....	Drumheller.....	1st Friday.....	Thomas Humphreys.....	John Lunan.....	70	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	.....	3	.....
28	Hanna.....	Hanna.....	3rd Thursday.....	Joseph M. Winkler.....	Clayton H. Johnston.....	65	2	.....	.....	1	.....	1	65	.....	.....	.....
29	David.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	Thompson.....	Jasper.....	3rd Thursday.....	Edward A. Shaw.....	Thomas Young.....	33	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	29	.....	4	.....
	Edson.....	Edson.....	2nd Tuesday.....	Walter Whelpley.....	Albert D. Hilliker.....	24	5	2	.....	.....	.....	1	30	.....	6	.....
						2813	57	21	8	63	69	30	2737	13	89	76

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report that the only matter before them is the matter of Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, surrendering its charter and the Committee recommend that we ask this Chapter to try and carry on and that we give them whatever help is necessary and in our power to do.

Fraternally submitted,

W. T. COOTE,
M. M. DOWNEY,
J. W. G. MORRISON.

The report of the Committee on Warrants was submitted by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, who suggested the tabling of this report until after the submission of the report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

On the motion of M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, seconded by R. E. Companion Finlay Watson, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Warrants be tabled until after the submission of the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

Your Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address have carefully considered the various matters so ably presented therein.

With the Grand Z. we feel that a gloom has been thrown over us by the loss of such a distinguished Companion as the last M. E. Companion James Norris Rankin, who presided over this Grand Body during the second year of its existence. We commend our Grand Z. in the issuing of the memorial to our loved late Companion.

The number of official visits made by the M. E. the Grand First Principal shows that he has actively devoted his best energies to the performance of his duties and that he is alive to his responsibilities to the companions of this jurisdiction. He was enabled to visit all the Chapters except one.

We are pleased to note the splendid welcome M. E. Companion McGhee received from the Grand Jurisdictions in Ontario and Manitoba. It is our opinion that the visitations to Sister Jurisdictions has renewed and cemented the friendships which have long existed. We congratulate our Grand Z. in not being called upon for a ruling. The Dispensations issued were of a routine nature and we concur in his decisions.

We congratulate those Excellent Companions who have been appointed as Grand Representatives near our Grand Chapter.

District Meetings

We are glad to find this annual feature of the activities of the Royal Craft has the hearty approval and support of the Grand First

Principal; while commending his continued interest we are of the opinion that the District Meetings should be "District Meetings" not Chapter Convocations and Grand Chapter should provide a special opening and closing ceremony.

In closing this report, Most Excellent Sir, we wish to express to you the gratitude of the companions in the jurisdiction for the services you have so energetically and ably rendered them during your term of office.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
Acting Chairman.

The report of the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address was submitted by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry begs leave to submit that it has considered the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the six respective Masonic districts of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Committee heartily commends these officers for the excellent manner in which they discharged the duties appertaining to their office. The visitations made by them to the different Chapters must have been a source of inspiration and confidence to the companions, reflecting, as they surely must, upon the welfare of Capitular Masonry throughout this jurisdiction.

The Committee regrets that, owing to extenuating circumstances, one of the Superintendents was unable to visit all the Chapters in his district. The other Superintendents visited all their Chapters, some on two and three occasions.

The Committee notes that two or three of the Superintendents visited Chapters officially on the same evening as the Grand First Principal was making his official visitation. We would suggest that these visits be made on nights other than those on which the Grand First Principal is paying his official visitation. We trust in future this will be kept in mind. At the same time, it must be stated that the Committee is not objecting to Grand Superintendents accompanying the Grand First Principal on his official visits.

The Committee notes with pleasure that harmony and good feeling, as well as a spirit of optimism, prevail throughout the jurisdiction.

It is a pleasure also to observe that Chapters, while not exalting many candidates, are maintaining their work in a high state of efficiency.

We note one Chapter deemed it expedient to postpone the election of its officers for another year. We do not approve of this attitude, but the Committee is given to understand this departure was felt to be in the best interests of the Chapter.

The Committee is pleased to note that several Chapters are emphasizing exchanges of visits, discussing topics of interest to Capitular Masonry, exemplifying degrees, and that despite adverse conditions they are pushing their work forward. We commend this spirit.

We regret that one of our Chapters, owing to circumstances over which it had no control, had taken steps to surrender its charter. This Chapter has an extended history of usefulness and influence in the community in which it is located and has a rostrum of splendid companions, and the Committee feels it would be most unfortunate indeed were the Chapter to abandon its work. After giving the matter due and earnest consideration, the Committee desires to recommend that the incoming Grand First Principal appoint a committee who would be delegated to visit that Chapter and discuss the whole situation with the Companions there in the hope that they might arrive at a solution of the difficulty. This committee would report its findings to Grand Chapter at its next Convocation. In this connection we would recommend that the per capita tax be suspended for last year. The Chapter in the meantime to continue its meetings as it may find expedient.

The Committee is pleased to note that the District Chapters of Instruction were well attended; that a great deal of interest was manifested in the proceedings and particularly in the discussion of the Work and ceremonies by the Grand Lecturer. These Chapters should prove a source of great good to Capitular Masonry.

In order to establish closer contact between the District Superintendents and the Chapters, your Committee would recommend that a form of report be adopted whereby the Superintendents would be given a general idea of the condition (financial and otherwise) of the Chapters. We believe also that the Superintendents should be informed through the proper channel of whatever matters are from time to time reported to the office of Grand Scribe E. This would enable them to keep in closer touch with the work in their districts than obtains at present. At the same time we would impress upon these officers that they should make it their duty to criticize the work of any of the Chapters visited, correct their practices and generally endeavor to bring them into conformity with the adopted procedure—that is, where they deem it necessary to do so. We would also suggest that Superintendents report each visit as made to the Grand First Principal with such remarks or comments as they may think advisable for his information. In this way the Grand First Principal will be kept in touch with the work of the Chapters throughout his term of office. There is a steady point of contact between the Chapters, and Grand Superintendents and the Grand First Principal.

Viewed as a whole, the reports submitted to us indicate that interest in Capitular Masonry is, despite prevailing conditions, by no means waning. On the contrary there is a feeling of hope and optimism for the future, due in a large measure to the inspiration engendered through the visits of the Grand Superintendents. The Committee, therefore, has much pleasure in approving that the rank of Past District Superintendents be conferred upon the following: R. E. Companions

Finlay B. Watson, Wetaskiwin; James Rennie, Chinook; James McDougall, Didsbury; Cuthbert T. Valentine, Calgary; Thomas A. Montgomery, Medicine Hat, and John H. Richardson, Edmonton.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. G. MORRISON,
FREDERICK J. HAND,
A. WEST,
J. G. FOLLETT,
E. G. IRONSIDE.

On the motion of M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, seconded by R. E. Companion Frederick J. Hand, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

After some discussion it was, on the motion of M. E. Companion William T. Coote, seconded by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey,

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to report that no matter has been submitted to this Committee for action.

We beg to congratulate this Grand Chapter on the harmony which prevails within its Jurisdiction, as indicated by this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

GEORGE B. McLEOD,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs leave to report as follows:

That the correspondence with respect to the dual membership involved between Hiram and Hanna Chapters be referred to the incoming Superintendent for that district for adjustment with the Chapters in question and Grand Scribe E.'s office.

That in the opinion of your Committee the correspondence between Grand Scribe E. and Crescent and Capital City Chapters with regard to the membership of Companion Robert E. Noble discloses

that the companion in question is not now in good standing in the latter Chapter.

That with regard to the correspondence covering the membership of one, Percy Elvis Ross, of Crescent Chapter, the Committee is of the opinion that the said Percy Elvis Ross is not now legally a member of that Chapter.

That the action of Capital City Chapter with regard to Companion James J. Clarke was quite constitutional.

Questions were submitted to the Committee verbally with regard to the voting power of First Principals and the installation of officers when the First Principal elect was absent. The Committee suggests that these be re-submitted in writing for the consideration of the incoming committee.

The Committee would recommend that all questions to be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence be in the hands of the chairman at least ten days before the opening of Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. G. MORRISON,
Chairman.
FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
J. R. FLAN,
W. T. COOTE,
W. M. McNAB,
G. B. McLEOD.

On the motion of M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee finds, and is pleased to report, that the following Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction had, during the present year, contributed for Benevolence, the amounts as set out:

Alberta, No. 1....	\$127.00
Assiniboia, No. 3....	50.00
Shekinah, No. 4....	60.00
Golden West, No. 5....	25.00
Bekah, No. 7....	28.10
Otuskwan, No. 9....	157.70
Bow Valley, No. 10....	50.00
Calgary, No. 11....	25.00
Hillvue, No. 15....	60.00
Banff, No. 20....	14.85
Strathmore, No. 21....	54.00
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22....	50.00

\$701.65

Your Committee desires to commend these Chapters for this excellent showing in Masonic Benevolence.

We have received a request through Capital City Chapter for assistance to a very worthy Right Excellent Companion who has been a Royal Arch Mason for a great many years—in fact, before Grand Chapter was formed. Your committee is recommending that a grant be made to this companion of \$20.00 per month, to be forwarded for application to his needs, and that it be continued throughout the year or until such time as the circumstances of the companion appear to warrant a review of the case, with a view to a decrease or increase of the allowance.

That, we believe, is all we have to report, except we think the method of handling Grand Chapter Benevolence should be continued as in the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,

Chairman.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

At this hour, sacred in its nature, our minds revert to those who have passed on. It is with becoming grace that, amidst the pressure of business and lure of pleasure, we stop long enough to pay tribute to our honored and worthy dead; a moment when we set aside all thoughts of this selfish and sordid existence and revert to the greater things of living and of life.

Our life is but a transient moment, a whisper on the road of Time; an existence of a moment, compared with Nature and Time immutable. It is but a short, short journey, for the average life itself comprehends but thirty-five hundred weeks of existence. It is a journey but for a day, and that journey begins in the glories of the light of the morn of childhood, continues with an impression of the noonday sun of youth and manhood, and ends a dark sombre closing of age, as the night shades fall. Comparative by a moment; a passing flash of time from the great unknown beginning to the great unknown ending; a step between two great eternities.

As Masonry grows in numbers and in influence, and as more men achieve nobility of the soul through adherence to its principles, it is inevitable that death shall bear down upon us with a constantly growing burden. We have not been spared in this year just closed. This Grand Chapter has lost one who has worn the purple. If there is one person above another who can be called the founder of this Grand Body it was our beloved Companion James Norris Rankin. The death of our Most Excellent Companion was not unexpected yet the end came suddenly. For eighteen years Companion Rankin was a tower of

strength in our Grand Chapter; one to whom we of the younger generation looked for guidance and counsel. Of long and varied experience, he was judicial in temperament and rugged in his honesty. In past years the chairman of this Committee was intimately associated with our good Companion, knew him well and learned to love him. In the early years in Alberta he was most active. He was initiated in Stevenson Lodge, No. 128, Toronto, when that lodge met in the old lodge room on College Street West. Affiliating with Bow River Lodge, No. 29, Grand Registry of Manitoba, he became active in Craft and Capitular Masonry in the City of Calgary. He was a Past Master of Bow River Lodge, having served that Lodge the second year after the Grand Lodge of Alberta was formed. He was among those who were received at the Celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, as being present when the Grand Body was formed. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for No. 1 District in the year 1910, and in 1927 was elected an Honorary Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. For many years he served his brethren of Bow River Lodge, No. 1, as Secretary.

Our beloved Companion was exalted in Alberta Chapter, No. 106, G.R.C., being one of the first candidates after that Chapter was formed in 1893. He served his Chapter as First Principal in 1905 and was elected Grand Superintendent in 1906, making his report at the Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada when it celebrated its Semi-Centennial. His district covered what is now the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. His dream of a Grand Chapter of Alberta became a reality in 1914. He had the honor of installing the first officers of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and was elected Grand First Principal at the Annual Convocation in 1915.

Fratel Rankin was not less active in Knights Templar work. He was knighted in Cyprus Preceptory, No. 33, served as Presiding Preceptor in 1904, and as Grand Provincial Prior in 1911. Until the date of his death he was Chaplain of his Preceptory. He also took an active interest in Al Azhar Temple.

Companion Rankin's life was a model one in many ways. Religious, charming in manner, ready with both sympathy and aid, he won the love and respect of all who became closely associated with him, and continued to the end the trusted leader of men. So long as our lives shall last, his memory will be enshrined in our hearts and remain fragrant with kind words and good deeds. He stayed with us for eighty-four years.

*Age is opportunity no less
Than youth itself, but in another dress.
And as the evening twilight fades away
The sky is filled with stars invisible by day.*

In this Grand Chapter we are called upon to mourn the death of nineteen companions. These companions who have passed to that house not made with hands have had the benefit of our teachings, and have in a great measure followed them. To the families and friends of those who have passed on we extend our deepest sympathy, and assure them of our never-ending friendship.

With our faith there is no death. It is merely the passing of the soul from its mortal existence to the higher, nobler and eternal life in the heavens.

*Until we meet again: That is the meaning
Of the familiar words, that men repeat
At parting in the street.*

*Ah, yes, till then: but when death intervening
Rends us asunder, with what ceaseless pain
We wait for the Again.*

*The friends who leave us do not feel the sorrow
Of parting as we feel it, who must stay,
Lamenting day by day,
And knowing, when we wake upon the morrow,
We shall not find in its accustomed place
The one loved face.*

Fraternally submitted,

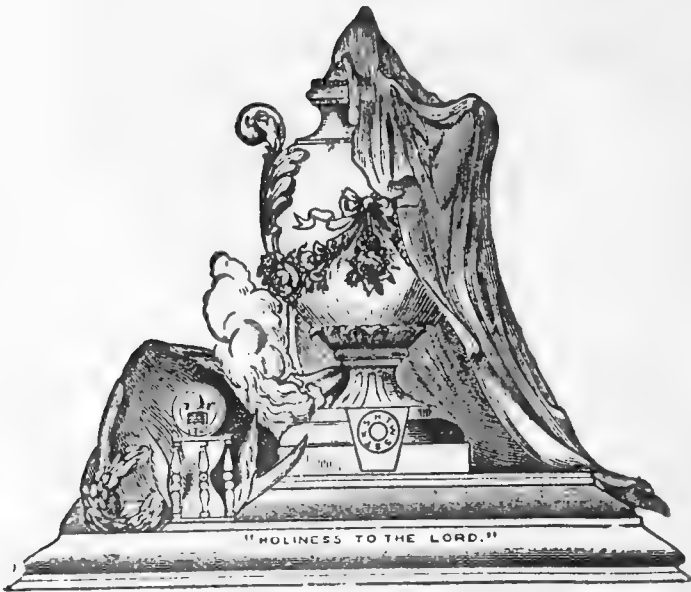
MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
Chairman.

On motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted, and a memorial page placed in the Proceedings.

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1	John L. Murdock and James Norris Rankin.
North Star, No. 2	Frank Abernethy McCord and (Judge) Hedley Clarence Taylor.
Assiniboia, No. 3	Herbert F. Morley, William George Niblock and William A. Taylor.
Shekinah, No. 4	John Calderhear Livingstone.
Golden West, No. 5	Thomas Baird and Hugh Patterson.
Mount Horeb, No. 6	Jeffrey G. Griffiths and (Judge) Clarence Hedley Taylor.
Bekah, No. 7	George William Irwin.
Kether, No. 8	Alexander William Crum.
Otuskwan, No. 9	Frank Ellis Richmond.
Calgary, No. 11	John Andrew Fraser and James Norris Rankin.
Capital City, No. 13	David S. Allan, Albert G. Bowden and Nels B. Lindholm.
Vermilion, No. 14	William John Seed.
Tau Cross, No. 16	William Thomas Cochrane and Wilfred Carter Marsh.
Norwood, No. 18	John J. Green and Jacob Wilson McKay.
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22	George F. Smith.
Crescent, No. 24	Arthur C. Casey.
Strathcona, No. 25	Benjamin Madill.
Hanna, No. 28	(Judge) John Douglas Reginald Stewart.
Edson, No. 30	Ernest Wynne Davies.



In Memory
OF THE
Companions of Our Own
Jurisdiction
FOR THE YEAR 1931

*"No sleep so sweet as thine,
 No rest so sure."*

FRATERNAL DEAD OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Alabama.....	George Fleming Moore, P.G.H.P., Dec. 4, 1930.
Arizona.....	David Benshimol, P.G.H.P., Jan. 27, 1931. Charles Washington Conway, D.G.H.P., Feb. 1, 1931 Max Fielder, P.G.H.P., Sept. 12, 1931.
Arkansas.....	Joseph H. Byers, G. Sent., July 3, 1931. David Isaac Mills, P.G.H.P., July 6, 1931.
Colorado.....	James Rumney Killian, P.G.H.P., April 19, 1931. Anderson Arvell Blakley, G. Scribe, July 11, 1931.
Connecticut.....	William Jerome Bissell, P.G.H.P., Feb. 22, 1931.
Georgia.....	William Gayle England, P.G.H.P., Mar. 26, 1931.
Illinois.....	George Frederick Henthorne, P.G.H.P., Feb. 21, 1931. Charles Clark Davis, P.G.H.P., Nov. 12, 1931.
Indiana.....	Thomas Francis Spink, P.G.H.P., Mar. 4, 1931. Vestal Warren Woodward, G. Treas., Apr. 21, 1931.
Iowa.....	Amos Norris Alberson, P.G.H.P., Aug. 17, 1931.
Kansas.....	Herbert Ray Hull, P.G.H.P., Mar. 29, 1931.
Louisiana.....	George W. Bolton, P.G.H.P., Aug. 2, 1931: George M. King Jr., G.M. 3rd V., Aug. 15, 1931.
Michigan.....	Frank Pomeroy Wilcox, P.G.H.P., July 1, 1931. Warner Kingsley McSween, G.H.P., Aug. 21, 1931. James F. McGregor, G. Sent., Oct. 2, 1931.
Mississippi.....	William Henry Whitaker, P.G.H.P., Mar. 19, 1931.
Nebraska.....	John Harper, P.G.H.P., April 9, 1931. Lucius D. Richards, P.G.H.P., Aug. 19, 1931.
New Jersey.....	Daniel Corey Adams, P.G.H.P., June 6, 1931.
New York.....	Frederick W. Culler, P.G.H.P., Jan. 22, 1931.
Ohio.....	Samuel Rufus Jones, P.G.H.P., Feb. 12, 1931. Benjamin Franklin Perry, P.G.H.P., Jan. 13, 1931. Charles Lorain Harrod, P.G.H.P., Jan. 23, 1931.
Oregon.....	David Patterson Mason, P.G.H.P., Oct. 13, 1931.
Queensland.....	J. St. Clair Bernard, G.S.E., Oct. 27, 1930.
South Carolina.....	Francis Eugene Harrison, P.G.H.P., June 15, 1931.
South Dakota.....	Jacob J. Nissen, P.G.H.P., Oct. 8, 1931:
Tennessee.....	Samuel Worthington Williams, P.G.H.P., May 31, 1931. Alfred Cookman Morgan, P.G.H.P., July 28, 1931.
Utah.....	William John Lynch, P.G.H.P., July 22, 1931.
Virginia.....	James Bowman, P.G.H.P., April 24, 1931:
West Virginia.....	Harry Stoevers Cushaw, P.G.H.P., May 16, 1931·
Wyoming.....	Samuel Corson, P.G.H.P., Aug. 17, 1931:



**In Memory
OF THE
Deceased Companions of
Sister Jurisdictions
FOR THE YEAR 1931**

*"They inherit a home of unfading splendour
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATIONS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg to report that peace and harmony prevail within and without our extended borders.

No requests seeking recognition have been received; neither has any matter yet been brought before us for consideration.

We beg to recommend that the various reviews be printed in the annual Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

S. H. MIDDLETON,

Chairman.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, seconded by M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Relations be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Work have met on several occasions during the past year and much care and attention have been given to the rendition of ritualistic matters.

It is noticed that a greater conformity is in evidence and that much clarity in conferring degrees is made thereby.

We commend the hearty co-operation of each and every Chapter in carrying out the rulings as submitted.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL H. MIDDLETON,

Chairman.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, seconded by M. E. Companion James R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Work be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee find it necessary to report that no arrangements exist for the satisfactory housing of a Grand Chapter Library in a

manner to make it available to students of Capitular Masonry. Having regard to this circumstance and to the financial position of Grand Chapter, your Committee deem it inexpedient to incur any further expense at this time or in the near future for the purchase of Books of Reference on Royal Arch Masonry. The accretions to the Grand Chapter Library, therefore, consist only of copies of the reports of other Grand Jurisdictions and these are in the custody of Grand Scribe E.

Your Committee recommend to the various Chapters throughout the jurisdiction the acquisition of such books, bearing on the Royal Craft, as their circumstances will warrant. We feel it is in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry that the Chapters develop this phase of Chapter activities as far as opportunity affords. We would suggest that the beginnings be modest as the policy or plan of waiting for an ambitious venture along these lines usually works out in nothing being accomplished. Modest beginnings persistently and faithfully followed up, will give the best result in this as well as in many another sphere of Masonic activity.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

A. WEST,
E. G. IRONSIDE,
M. M. DOWNEY.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Library Committee be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO COMPILE DECISIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your special Committee on the Compilation of the Decisions of Grand Chapter beg to report progress.

Your Committee have done considerable work on this report, but in view of the fact that a Revised Constitution is being submitted for consideration at this Grand Convocation, it is the opinion of your committee that our report should be laid over for one year in order that the report may be brought in harmony with the new Constitution when adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. McLEOD,
Chairman.

E. G. IRONSIDE,
W. M. McNAB,
A. B. McCURDY.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, seconded by R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED, That the progress report of the Committee to Compile Decisions of Grand Chapter be received, and that the committee be continued in existence for another year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter, of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee have examined the financial statement appearing in the reports of Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer and also the report of E. Companion Henry W. Ford, the Auditor, all for the year ending February 29th, 1932.

We recommend the acceptance of the Auditor's report and the payment of \$25.00 to the Auditor for his services in making the audit and submitting the report.

Your Committee note with regret that the financial operations of Grand Chapter have been carried on during the last year at a substantial loss. For some years the revenue of Grand Chapter has been inadequate to our expenditures on general account, but the deficit for the year ending February 29th, 1932, is considered so great that your Committee feel some steps are necessary to meet this situation and to make provision for further revenue as well as perhaps some reduction in expenditure. Your Committee are unable to suggest any substantial reduction in the expenditures, inasmuch as these are not extravagant and are essential to the work of Grand Chapter being carried on with efficiency, dignity and success.

It is noted that the Benevolent Fund of Grand Chapter at the end of the financial year amounted to \$4,709.08. This Fund has been accumulating through the operation of the 25c per capita levy for the purposes of this Fund. Your Committee feel that the general conditions prevailing throughout this jurisdiction are such that an increase in the per capita Grand Chapter dues is undesirable at this time. We also feel that the method of raising funds for the Benevolent purposes of Grand Chapter should not be changed, but we are of opinion that these funds, to the extent that they are not expended, might be made available for the general expenses of Grand Chapter within certain limits.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the provisions in the Constitution relating to the Benevolent Fund of Grand Chapter be so framed as to give the Grand Chapter power at any Annual Convocation, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, to appropriate to the general revenue account from the Benevolent Funds such sums as it may deem expedient, but not exceeding the amount collected during the preceding financial year through the 25c per capita assessment for Benevolent purposes. Your Committee feel this recommendation, if accepted, will in large measure restore the balance between revenue and expenditure for the general purposes of Grand Chapter and at the same time leave intact the financial structure of Grand Chapter.

Your Committee recommend the acceptance of the tender of the Albertan Job Press, Limited, for the printing of the Proceedings of this Annual Convocation, no firm having made a lower tender than that of this company.

Your Committee recommend that Grand Scribe E. be authorized, if and when the new Constitution has been adopted by the Grand Chapter, to procure two thousand copies to be printed on the basis of \$205.00 being paid in addition to the printing expenses already incurred in respect of the Constitution; that Grand Scribe E. when these Constitutions are available, send out to each Chapter in the jurisdiction

such number thereof as constitutes 15 per cent. of the membership of the Chapter according to the last return, with a minimum to any Chapter of ten copies, and invoice and bill these Constitutions to the Chapters accordingly, and upon receipt thereof the Chapters shall be obligated to pay for the same at the rate of 35c per copy. The remainder of the supply of Constitutions shall remain in stock to be sold to the Chapters on requisition from time to time as needed at the same price.

We strongly recommend every Chapter to procure an adequate supply of these Constitutions so that every officer and member really interested in the work of the Chapter will become conversant with the new Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

CYRIL A. MacPHERSON,
J. V. FOLLETT,
H. SANDILANDS,
A. B. McCURDY.

On motion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

AN HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP GRANTED

On motion of R. E. Companion Archibald West, seconded by R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED, That M. E. Companion Alex Little, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, now present, be granted an Honorary Life Membership in the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

M. E. Companion McGhee: Most Excellent Sir, we consider it a privilege indeed to have elected you an honorary member of this Grand Body, and we hope that you will attend as often as convenient.

M. E. Companion Little: Most Excellent Sir, I would like to have the opportunity of coming back often. If I happened to have a position such as you have, with the railway, I would do so.

While on my feet, Most Excellent Sir, I am anxious to say a few words in regard to the proceedings which I have had the pleasure of listening to this morning. I was particularly interested in the Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, and I find that you have a somewhat similar method to that which we used to have in Manitoba, in bringing in this report. I have always been a little bit keener in regard to the Report on the Condition of Masonry coming in, for the reason that I found that in many instances the committee were not in a position to really know the conditions that did exist; for instance, you have a matter which has come up here this morning in regard to one Chapter, and which we have had ourselves. In looking over the Proceedings for a number of years we find a satisfactory condition in that particular Chapter and then all of a sudden it crops up that they are up against it and want to surrender their charter.

I was fortunate in persuading the Executive of our Grand Body to have some forms printed and delivered to Scribes E. on which they

were required to forward a detailed report, outside of the District Superintendent's report, and we found that that was of greater benefit to us. We knew the condition of each particular Chapter exactly and how it stood. We had it in front of us at all times and it was brought up at the Executive meetings from time to time, and when the District Superintendent brought in his report we compared them both and knew what was satisfactory.

As an Excellent Companion said, the District Superintendent goes to a Chapter to criticize, but it is not done; he doesn't like to go on an official visit and examine closely the conditions, but if you give the Chapter a form and ask them to submit a detailed report of the condition of that Chapter I think it is a benefit to them and Grand Chapter knows from year to year the conditions prevailing.

You, like us, have a Chapter that is up against it. You have the greatest sympathy for it, but I do not think it would be wise to eliminate all of their responsibility for getting on their feet again. As stated by Rev. Brother Duncan last night, it is a great thing to get over an obstacle, and I think it goes a long way toward making better men and giving better results.

Most Excellent Sir, I find that there is no end to the hospitality I have enjoyed since I came to Edmonton. I cannot find words to say how I feel in regard to the hospitality that has been accorded me, but I can assure you that when I go back I will certainly give them all the information and I know they will be proud, and they will be proud of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. When I heard the report that came back last year, I said to myself: "In the event of being elected Grand First Principal I will visit Alberta."

I am here and glad to be here, for I have made some of the best friends I have, and I hope that friendship will continue for many years.

M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside requested M. E. Companion Little to send him a copy of the form he had mentioned, which he agreed to do.

On the motion of M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, That the address of Reverend Brother Duncan be incorporated in the Proceedings of Grand Chapter, provided a suitable transcript is available and is approved.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 12:30 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

Grand Chapter resumed labor at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

M. E. Companion William T. Coote suggested that a set of the Proceedings of Grand Chapter since its inception should be left in Edmonton, and it was agreed that the bound copies brought to Edmonton by Grand Scribe E. for that purpose should be left in charge of R. E. Companion Archibald West.

R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett then gave Grand Chapter a report on the condition of R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, Grand Scribe E., to the effect that R. E. Companion Wentzel was very seriously ill.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by E. Companion Alex Gray, it was

RESOLVED, That Grand Chapter should take care of all expenses in connection with the illness of R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, while he is in Edmonton.

The Most Excellent Grand First Principal appointed M. E. Companions William T. Coote and Melvin M. Downey and R. E. Companion Archibald West a committee to look after the needs of R. E. Companion Wentzel while he remained in Edmonton.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The Most Excellent Grand First Principal requested M. E. Companions James R. Flan, Samuel H. Middleton, John W. G. Morrison and William T. Coote to act as scrutineers during the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The Election of Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, with the following result:

Grand First Principal.....	R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett.
Grand Second Principal....	R. E. Companion Archibald West.
Grand Third Principal.....	V. E. Companion Andrew Davison.
Grand Scribe E.	R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel.
Grand Scribe N.....	E. Companion Kenneth Fraser.
Grand Treasurer.....	R. E. Companion William C. Black.
Grand Principal Sojourner	E. Companion Wilfred Pearson.
Grand Registrar.....	E. Companion Joseph J. Webster.
Grand Tyler.....	Companion Septimus H. Davies.
Executive Committee.....	R. E. Companion Frederick J. Summerill.
	R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson.
	R. E. Companion George Elliott.
	R. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS

The election of District Superintendents was then proceeded with, with the following result:

District No. 1	V. E. Companion George Plasteras.
District No. 2	V. E. Companion William E. G. Anderson
District No. 3	E. Companion Joseph W. Verge.
District No. 4	E. Companion Leon F. Pinkerton.
District No. 5	E. Companion J. S. Lambert.
District No. 6	E. Companion Neils A. Boli.

Upon receiving the consent of each of the companions named, the Most Excellent Grand First Principal duly confirmed their several elections.

GENERAL BUSINESS

During the Election of Officers M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood submitted the final report of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, affecting those portions which were turned back to the committee for re-drafting.

Section No. 57 was re-drafted as suggested with the exception that four members of the committee were to be appointed by the Executive Committee.

On the motion of E. Companion Roy Lambertson, seconded by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, it was

RESOLVED, That two members should be appointed on this committee instead of four.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED, That Section 57 as re-drafted and amended be adopted.

Section No. 245 was re-drafted as suggested to the committee, and read to the assembled companions.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Companion Henry Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED, That Section 245, as re-drafted, be adopted.

M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood then explained the intent of Section 226 and pointed out that it harmonized with Section 245 without change. This was agreed to.

On the motion of E. Companion William H. Green, seconded by E. Companion Wilfred Pearson, it was

RESOLVED. That the Constitution as finally revised and amended be adopted.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution for their work.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Companion Alex. Little, it was

RESOLVED, That the out-of-town members of Grand Chapter express to the Edmonton Chapters their appreciation of the hospitality received, R. E. Companion West to convey the same to each Chapter.

M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood then remarked on the unfortunate sickness of R. E. Companion Frederick J. Summerill.

R. E. Companion William C. Black stated that Banff Chapter had no representative present, but that their proxy had been given to R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, who was unfortunately very ill.

On the suggestion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, it was agreed that the proxy for Banff Chapter should be transferred to E. Companion William H. Green.

R. E. Companion William C. Black also stated that Mount Olivet Chapter, not having submitted their returns within the specified period, had no vote.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, That the vote be granted Mount Olivet Chapter, a representative of which was present in the person of their Excellent First Principal.

On the motion of M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison seconded by R. E. Companion Frederick J. Summerill, it was

RESOLVED, That an honorarium of ten dollars be allowed the Grand Tyler for his services during the Eighteenth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

On the motion of E. Companion E. G. Shaw, seconded by E. Companion Alex Gray, it was

RESOLVED, That Grand Chapter meet the expenses of rent and printing in connection with the Banquet held the first evening.

On the motion of R. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, seconded by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, it was

RESOLVED, That a telegram be sent to M. E. Companion J. E. Johnson from Grand Chapter expressing their appreciation of his remembrance.

On the motion of M. E. Companion James A. McGhee, seconded by M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED, That the reports of the Grand Second and Third Principals would not be printed.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, That the sincere sympathy of Grand Chapter be extended to R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wenzel, and the members of his family, on the serious illness which prevented him from attending the Grand Convocation, coupled with the hope that he will be restored to health at an early date; that the same be placed in the Proceedings, and that the incoming Grand First Principal convey the same to him.

On the motion of R. E. Companion Sandilands, seconded by R. E. Companion John Richardson, it was

RESOLVED, That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the scrutineers in connection with the election of officers.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

Nominations having been received, a ballot was taken which resulted in the City of Calgary being selected as the place of meeting for the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter on the 15th day of March, 1933.

The Installation of Officers was then proceeded with by M. E. Companion James A. McGhee, Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood acting as Director of Ceremonies, M. E. Companions William T. Coote and Melvin M. Downey acting as Grand Second and Third Principals respectively.

GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL THANKS CONVOCAION

R. E. Companion Davison: Companions, may I thank you most sincerely for the honour you have conferred upon me in electing me Grand Third Principal. I must apologize for having to leave so abruptly but it is a matter of great urgency, and I leave you with the hope that I will see you all in Calgary next year.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

M. E. Companion Follett: Most Excellent Companion McGhee, I have requested Most Excellent Companion Morrison to present you with the regalia of your office.

M. E. Companion Morrison: Most Excellent Companion McGhee, it affords me great pleasure indeed, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, to present you with the regalia of a Past Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter. You vacate this office now, but you do so with a feeling akin to sorrow knowing that probably never again will you be called upon to discharge this high office, as you have in the past year. At the same time you will be feeling that during your term you have given the best that was in you and that you have discharged your faithfully and conscientiously.

We, as members of the craft, know and appreciate the work you have done. We know and feel that Royal Arch Masonry has been much advanced because of your having filled our highest office. As time goes on and as Past Grand First Principals come and go, we know that in the history of this Chapter there will be one brilliant, outstanding year, above all others, and that is the year during which you filled your office.

We congratulate you on the achievement of the year and we feel that we have all benefited by your work and that Royal Arch Masonry has been much advanced because of your having filled that office. You are retiring, but we know that your interest in Royal Arch Masonry will be as keen as before. As time goes on we will receive the benefit of your counsel and advice and in this way we will benefit.

Personally, I congratulate you on the work of the year. I appreciate the difficulties and I know how arduous it is to discharge the duties of Grand First Principal, and I know from personal experience that you have done splendid work for the Royal Arch Masons in Alberta. (Applause.)

M. E. Companion McGhee: Most Excellent Sir and Companions; I wish I could feel that I have so splendidly deserved this lovely present as has been indicated by my esteemed friend, but I assure you that I appreciate from the bottom of my heart this token of your friendship and as I wear it through the years to come it will ever remind me of the warm, loving friendship that I have formed throughout the length and breadth of the Province, and the Provinces, the Sister Jurisdictions where it has been my privilege and pleasure to have represented this, the Grand Chapter of the Foothills. And, Companions, even in old Ontario they were glad to do honour to the Chapter that was once a part of themselves, and if my visit to that Province has been the means of cementing the harmony and fellowship which exist between this and our Mother Grand Chapter, then my time has been well spent.

Of my visit to the Grand Chapter of Manitoba I shall never forget the many warm friendships formed, the many outstanding Companions whom it was my privilege and pleasure to meet, and I sincerely hope that this warm friendship which exists between Manitoba and Alberta, the sister Grand jurisdictions, will be cemented from year to year by these fraternal visitations. I thank you.

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL THANKS CONVOCATION

M. E. Companion Follett: Most Excellent Sir and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Jurisdiction of Alberta. To be elected and installed in this office, the highest in the gift of Royal Arch Masons in the Jurisdiction of Alberta, is an honour and a privilege that I appreciate more than mere words can possibly express. Along with the honour comes, I am fully aware, great and serious responsibilities, so to conduct the affairs of this Chapter and to offer the most capable leadership to the companions of this jurisdiction.

Election promises are not always regarded with fitting respect, so I am not going to formulate at this time any particular promises, but I assure you that it will be my honest endeavor by precept and example to retain for this Grand Body the highest principles and ideals which our order inspires: May I submit to you that it is my earnest hope that all, from the highest rank to the last installed companion, will do the same thing and especially do I ask you to do so by your example, because we all know that example is worth a great deal more than precept.

I recognize that idealism is necessary to success and that perfection is unattainable, nevertheless I request the co-operation of every Royal Arch Mason in the Province in an effort to keep our Order on the highest plane of usefulness to our fellow men and to secure for ourselves the benefit of its ethical teachings.

Again, Companions, I thank you for your confidence in me. I realize my limitations. I trust that 1932 will redound to the honour of our Order and the Grand Geometrician of the Universe. I thank you very heartily indeed for the honour you have conferred upon me in placing me in this position.

GRAND SECOND PRINCIPAL THANKS CONVOCATION

R. E. Companion West: Most Excellent Sir and Companions, I deeply appreciate the honour you have conferred upon me by electing me Grand Second Principal. I was just thinking, as we were going along and seeing the Grand Registrar invested, that I can remember when

I was invested as Grand Registrar, and may I say that if I had no love for this work of Masonry, I don't think I would be on my twenty-ninth year in Capitular Masonry.

I can assure the Most Excellent Grand First Principal that if at any time I can be of service to him, all he has to do is to call upon me.

THANKS TO THE INSTALLING OFFICERS

On the motion of R. E. Companion Archibald West, seconded by M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Installing Officers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

M. E. Companion Little: At this time, I wish to extend to you on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba sincere congratulations on your being elected and installed as Grand First Principal, also to other companions who have been elected and installed in the various offices and I also wish to extend to you Excellent Sir, a hearty invitation to the Grand Chapter of Manitoba in Winnipeg on the second Wednesday of February next year and if it is impossible to make that journey we would appreciate a representative in your stead.

I wish to express again my thanks to the companions of this jurisdiction for the hearty welcome they have given me, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba.

M. E. Companion Follett: I thank you very much for your hearty good wishes and the invitation for 1933. We will try to accede to your request and I assure you that this Grand Body has been highly honoured in having you here on this occasion.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

The labors of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 5:40 o'clock p.m.

Clifford Rentzel

Grand Scribe E.



GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914

Grand Officers	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919
Grand Z.	S. Y. Taylor	J. N. Rankin	F. S. Watson	Robert Patterson	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey
Grand H.	F. S. Watson	F. S. Watson	R. Patterson	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey	N. T. Macleod
Grand J.	T. C. Bruce	T. C. Bruce	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey	N. T. Macleod	H. Darling
Grand Scribe E.	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson
Grand Scribe N.	A. R. Yates	A. R. Dickson	E. D. H. Wilkins	Geo. D. Stanley	P. J. Dewie	E. C. Dunlop
Grand Prin. Soj.	E. D. H. Wilkins	E. D. H. Wilkins	A. R. Yates	N. T. Macleod	W. T. Coote	W. A. Mahaffy
Grand Treasurer	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley
Grand Registrar	A. West	A. West	V. A. Bowes	E. D. H. Wilkins	D. W. McMillan	Jesse Elliott
Grand Senior Soj.	T. Rankine	D. W. McMillan	W. A. Mahaffy	Geo. W. Elliott	Jesse Elliott	W. J. Stephenson
Grand Junior Soj.	A. H. Spurr	W. A. Mahaffy	D. L. Murison	David McIntosh	J. A. R. Powell	J. J. Green
Grand Lecturer	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue
Grand Sword Bearer	G. B. McLeod	G. B. McLeod	G. D. Wallace	W. F. W. Lent	R. D. Robertson	R. H. Struthers
Grand M. 1st Veil	H. I. Miller	H. G. Hoare	A. N. Lindsay	William T. Coote	J. Dan McDonald	G. E. Cruickshank
Grand M. 2nd Veil	G. T. Bragg	T. H. Irvine	D. McKenzie	R. Powell	D. Thompson	Harvey Brock
Grand M. 3rd Veil	C. E. Macdonald	D. G. Campbell	R. C. Macdonald	Thos. Burnett	H. B. Jamieson	S. T. Fawcett
Grand M. 4th Veil	W. E. Lord	James Walker	E. E. Farley	J. A. Macdonald	A. W. Rosborough	D. McLean
Grand D. of C.	J. M. Empey	A. R. Yates	James Walker	F. S. Selwood	Geo. Simpson	M. B. Peacock
Grand Organist	G. J. Davis	F. B. Cooper	Peter Walker	J. E. Hodgson	F. B. Cooper	W. A. Ackland
Grand Pursuivant	E. E. Farley	E. E. Farley	H. H. Fletcher	Joseph Longdon	Geo. Campbell	D. A. Taylor
Grand Steward	Geo. McManus	F. R. Jelfs	W. E. Mercer	S. M. Fraser	F. S. Macpherson	A. N. Saddington
Grand Steward	W. A. Mahaffy	Gaius Allen	D. W. McMillan	G. E. Hayward	A. Hay	H. Macpherson
Grand Steward	G. L. Chesney	D. L. Murison	Gaius Allen	J. A. Neff	R. C. MacDonald	W. J. Haynes
Grand Steward	J. S. Lambert	G. J. Davis	G. J. Davis	William Thompson	S. M. Fraser	H. D. McMillan
Grand Tyler	Harvey Brock	R. C. Bruce	J. L. Johnston	Thos. Baird	W. H. Burns	S. H. Davies

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION (Continued)

Grand Officers	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Grand Z.....	N. T. Macleod	H. Darling	G. B. McLeod	W. T. Coota	J. E. Johnson	S. H. Middleton
Grand H.....	H. Darling	G. B. McLeod	W. T. Coota	J. E. Johnson	S. H. Middleton	E. G. Ironside
Grand J.....	W. T. Coota	W. T. Coota	J. E. Johnson	S. H. Middleton	E. C. Dunlop	Wm. M. McNab
Grand Scribe E.....	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	E. G. Ironside	E. G. Ironside	E. G. Ironside	C. R. Wentzel
Grand Scribe N.....	D. McIntosh	Jas. R. Flan	Jas. A. McGhee	J. W. Stephenson	D. S. Braham	J. F. Casteel
Grand Prin. Soj.....	Geo. B. McLeod	Jas. A. McGhee	R. G. Thomson	G. E. Cruickshank	W. C. Marsh	W. J. Stephenson
Grand Treasurer.....	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher
Grand Registrar.....	Jos. G. Morris	G. F. Butler	R. C. Rankin	W. J. Haynes	G. W. Elliott	H. Stainsleigh
Grand Senior Soj.....	W. C. Black	R. G. Thomson	Robt. Evans	C. R. Wentzel	R. S. Davis	J. S. McHardy
Grand Junior Soj.....	J. E. Rannard	Alex. McKee	A. G. Finch	James Cleave	W. G. Evans	Geo. W. Potter
Grand Lecturer.....	M. M. Downey	S. F. Patterson	E. C. Dunlop	E. C. Dunlop	N. T. Macleod	Jas. R. Flan
Grand Sword Bearer.....	W. D. Graham	J. W. G. Morrison	A. D. Campbell	Joseph Brown	J. S. Lambert	T. Ridpath
Grand M. 1st Veil.....	R. W. Manley	W. E. M. Holmes	J. W. G. Morrison	F. J. Folinsbee	C. A. MacPherson	G. Pattinson
Grand M. 2nd Veil.....	D. C. McKenzie	A. C. Sloane	D. S. Braham	R. S. Davis	F. B. Watson	John Taylor
Grand M. 3rd Veil.....	R. L. McIlveen	D. C. McDougall	P. R. Campbell	C. W. Coppock	J. W. Oakes	W. W. Pratt
Grand M. 4th Veil.....	J. B. Sutherland	E. C. Locke	Peter Maclean	C. H. Russell	E. G. Lamb	H. H. Humber
Grand D. of C.....	J. H. Green	E. M. Cawker	J. W. Oakes	W. G. Evans	J. H. McNeill	C. W. E. Gardner
Grand Organist.....	W. A. Ackland	W. A. Ackland	F. B. Cooper	F. B. Cooper	W. A. Ackland	W. A. Ackland
Grand Pursuivant.....	J. R. Flan	E. G. Lamb	A. G. Aldridge	P. D. Stone	Peter Maclean	James Hughes
Grand Steward.....	G. F. Butler	Alex. H. Duff	F. A. McEwan	Geo. Pattinson	L. S. Crosby	H. C. Neal
Grand Steward.....	M. M. Steele	R. P. Umbrite	H. C. Ritchie	H. H. Humber	Robt. Crichton	H. G. Morris
Grand Steward.....	H. O. Haslam	C. W. McKinnon	H. W. B. Bell	W. A. Fallow	W. B. Way	John Duff
Grand Steward.....	Oliver Cowin	R. C. Rankin	W. D. King	W. E. M. Holmes	Robt. Taylor	Geo. W. Wright
Grand Tyler.....	J. J. Green	S. H. Davies	J. L. Johnston	S. H. Davies	S. H. Davies	S. H. Davies

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION (Continued)

Grand Officers	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
Grand Z.	E. G. Ironside	Wm. M. McNab	Frederick S. Selwood	James R. Flan	John W. G. Morrison	James A. McGhee
Grand H.	Wm. M. McNab	F. S. Selwood	James R. Flan	John W. G. Morrison	James A. McGhee	Joseph V. Follett
Grand J.	F. S. Selwood	Jas. R. Flan	J. W. G. Morrison	James A. McGhee	Joseph V. Follett	Archibald West
Grand Scribe E.	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel	Clifford R. Wentzel
Grand Scribe N.	D. W. Cotton	James Cleave	James B. Griffith	V. W. Wright	Matthew Robbins	Frederick J. Hand
Grand Prin. Soj.	Ernest Ward	J. W. G. Morrison	Francis V. Truesdale	Chas. H. Minchin	Archie West	William Baxter
Grand Treasurer	Wm. C. Black	Wm. C. Black	William C. Black	William C. Black	William C. Black	William C. Black
Grand Registrar	Geo. D. Wallace	D. W. Cotton	George H. Travis	A. B. McCurdy	Albert E. Portman	W. Hudson Scott
Grand Senior Soj.	H. C. Neal	Philisk Pidgeon	R. H. Norton	George A. Rounce	W. Hudson Scott	Andrew Davison
Grand Junior Soj.	Wm. H. Andrews	Thomas W. Bull	Percy Cull	F. J. Summerill	Frederick J. Hand	Christian Junget
Grand Lecturer	Jas. R. Flan	Chester A. Arthur	Cyril A. MacPherson	C. A. MacPherson	C. A. MacPherson	Cyril A. MacPherson
Grand Sword Bearer	F. W. Tye	Ralph P. Umbrite	James Rennie	James R. Donaldson	Alfred Russell	Russell A. Gowans
Grand M. 1st Veil	John Selkirk	Herbert P. Long	Alfred Brusso	Nathaniel M. Conner	Alexander Riddick	Alexander B. Mitchell
Grand M. 2nd Veil	F. M. Dillon	Ciare C. Hartman	Frank Booth	Edward H. Mack	William V. Price	William F. Ferguson
Grand M. 3rd Veil	W. G. Niblock	George H. Travis	John B. Boese	John G. Odell	Leland W. Walkey	Leon F. Pinkerton
Grand M. 4th Veil	W. B. Way	James Rennie	William E. Ward	Harold Henderson	Frank W. Keyte	William H. Leadbetter
Grand D. of C.	Chas. Comba	Joseph V. Follett	Charles H. Minchin	Walter H. Smith	Peter A. Moncrief	James Duncan
Grand Organist	W. A. Ackland	Fred N. Morris	William A. Ackland	Frederick B. Cooper	Frederick B. Cooper	Harry C. Neal
Grand Pursuivant	Chas. Hughes	Albert E. Wynne	William J. Noble	John H. Richardson	Orrie W. Harris	John Hope
Grand Steward	G. E. Long	Frank Milne	John Arthur	James McDougal	Alexander G. Scott	William H. Day
Grand Steward	J. B. McKerrow	Vernon W. Parrish	George L. Gothard	Henry G. Smith	Wm. E. G. Anderson	Albert J. Taylor
Grand Steward	J. T. Cumberland	Donald McLean	Thos. A. Montgomery	Arthur Robinson	James H. Smith	Nels A. Boli
Grand Steward	W. H. Williams	William Baxter	Wesley T. Haynes	Ross A. Van Slyke	George Plasteras	Peter Cook
Grand Tyler	S. H. Davies	J. L. Johnston	S. H. Davies	J. L. Johnston	Septimus H. Davies	John L. Johnston

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION (Continued)

Grand Officers	1932
Grand Z.....	Joseph V. Follett.....
Grand H.....	Archibald West.....
Grand J.....	Andrew Davison.....
Grand Scribe E.....	Clifford R. Wentzel.....
Grand Scribe N.....	Kenneth Fraser.....
Grand Prin. Soj.....	Wilfred Pearson.....
Grand Treasurer.....	William C. Black.....
Grand Registrar.....	Joseph J. Webster.....
Grand Lecturer.....	Cyril A. MacPherson.....
Grand Senior Soj.....	J. Lester Clarke.....
Grand Junion Soj.....	Gladstone R. Haines.....
Grand Sword Bearer.....	William Dobson.....
Grand M. 1st Veil.....	G. R. Davis.....
Grand M. 2nd Veil.....	L. G. Dunaway.....
Grand M. 3rd Veil.....	J. A. Livingstone.....
Grand M. 4th Veil.....	O. J. Barker.....
Grand D. of C.....	A. G. B. Lewis.....
Grand Organist.....	Frederick B. Cooper.....
Grand Pursuivant.....	Charles Scaife.....
Grand Steward.....	Frank Mayer.....
Grand Steward.....	A. H. Jones.....
Grand Steward.....	D. Rees.....
Grand Steward.....	T. N. Cuthbert.....
Grand Tyler.....	Septimus H. Davies.....

District No. 1	District No. 2	District No. 3	District No. 4	District No. 5	District No. 6
1914 Andrew R. Dickson	Thomas Frederick English	Robert Patterson			
1915 Henry I. Miller	Thomas Rankine	Robert Patterson			
1916 Hiram Darling	John Edgar Johnson				
1917 Daniel R. Cameron	William E. Lord	Charles W. Cook			
1918 J. A. Neff	Frederick S. Selwood	John F. Casteel			
1919 William J. Seed	Walter E. Mercer	William H. Doty			
1920 Robert C. Macdonald	William J. Stephenson	Mark B. Peacock	Thomas W. Bates	John Allen	
1921 George S. Armstrong	William J. Haynes	Robert L. McIvreen	Oliver J. Cowin	John D. McDonald	
1922 John J. Green	George D. Wallace	William C. Black	James R. Flan	James E. Rannard	
1923 William M. McNab	Enos Charles Locke	Robert C. Rankin	Harold W. B. Bell	Harry O. Haslam	
1924 John W. G. Morrison	George H. Best	William E. M. Holmes	Frederick B. Cooper	Arthur G. Finch	
1925 George W. Elliott	Alexander M. McKee	Cyril A. MacPherson	James Cleave	Duncan C. McDougall	
1926 George W. Potter		William H. Hiscocks	Hugh Stainsleigh	Chester A. Arthur	
1927 H. Sandilands	Robert Taylor	Hugh C. Ritchie	Alexander Carr	George Pattinson	
1928 Roy M. Lamberton	Cuthbert Fowler	David J. Carnes	Orlando G. Craig	Thomas J. Cumberland	
1929 Raymond H. Norton	William S. Cameron	William B. Way	Charles Comba	Percy Cull	
1930 Archibald B. McCurdy	John G. Odell	George A. Rounce	George H. Travis	Robert E. Donkin	Frederick J. Summerill
1931 Finley B. Watson	James Rennie	James McDougall	Cuthbert T. Valentine	Thomas A. Montgomery	John H. Richardson
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No. 23 Coronation.....	Coronation
No. 27 Eheyeh.....	Drumheller
No. 28 Hanna.....	Hanna

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The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Calgary, on the Third Wednesday, being the 15th day of March, 1933.

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A MASON AT WORK

by

Bro. Rev. PHILLIP DUNCAN

*A Speech delivered at a banquet in honour of The Grand Chapter of Alberta,
Royal Arch Masons, at Edmonton, Alberta, March 16th, 1932.*

Brother Toastmaster, Honourable Sir, Your Worships and Brethren:

First of all I must say with what profound admiration I have been sitting listening with patience and concentration to the previous speakers. It is a long time since my intellectual appetite has been so fully satisfied with so fine a flow of instructive oratory, so much so that I fear the speech I had prepared would be too long and too profound following such orators. I know it is a great risk to ask a "man of the cloth" to speak at a banquet—a very great risk.

I was greatly delighted with the accent of our friend from Manitoba (which, next to Alberta, is the finest province in Canada). It betrays his land of birth, and I believe I detect an aroma of Aberdeen fish about it—Aberdeen the most beautiful city in the world; and I could not help thinking, Brethren, of the old kirk near his home where the minister had been for forty years (a very creditable record, unique in Canada). One Sunday morning a visitor dropped in and sat down at the back beside an old fellow who was somewhat deaf. The visitor, listening to the minister thought he was a bit too long-winded (a very unusual thing with Scotch ministers), and finally the visitor turned to the old fellow beside him and asked:

"How long has he been at it?"

"What's that?" queried the old fellow.

"I say, How long has he been at it?" repeated the visitor.

"Oh," replied the old chap, "Forty years."

"Forty years" echoed the visitor; "Why it's not a clock he wants, it's a calendar."

You know I have sometimes thought that legislators are very often too long-winded (I am referring now to Manitoba more than to Alberta), and yet some of our finest orators speak longer and say less than anybody. If a minister spoke, say, about four and a half hours, I am satisfied that very soon his kirk would be empty.

I had planned, Brethren, to speak on a subject which if not profound is at least a big one, one referred to again and again by the previous speakers until I find my thunder entirely stolen.

I remember from boyhood the common question that would be fired at one of our seven each Sunday: "What was the text today?" "What was the minister's subject?" That fine discipline gave me a habit; I learned to concentrate on the text or on the subject and then spend the rest of the time with my mind far away building castles in the air, enjoying day-dreams, or perhaps, if I had played too hard the day before, enjoying a nice sound sleep, and yet rating 100 per cent at home because I remembered the subject. To my mind, as a matter

of fact, the title of a speech is often the best part of it, and if you remember that you remember something worthwhile. Certainly all that I have time to do this evening is to give you the title. It is this:

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I remember a Superintendent of Missions who one day was walking along the sidewalk when he met a little chap. He stopped and asked him, "What is your father?" "My father," said the youngster, "is a Presbyterian, but he isn't working at it."

I think that is true of a great many Masons. Some of us have been attending Lodge devotedly for many years and yet we have not started to work at Masonry.

I have been appalled sometimes with contemplating the extraordinary potential power of Masonry, power which has never been exercised and which, in fact, has never been needed as it is in the world today. I have sometimes dreamed that if all the Masons had had their aprons on and their trowels in their hands during those critical years of 1911, 1912 and 1913, a World War could never have occurred. That is a dream. I think it would have been possible for all the Masons of Germany, Austria, France and the British Isles to have somehow or other put their hands together and united their fraternal hearts, and to have said:

"Brethren, there is a way out. Why not let us gather around the Masonic table and see if it is not possible to put our fine theories into practice and into our daily thinking and lives."

I sometimes wonder, as I think of the Treaty of Versailles, the Peace Treaty; I sometimes wonder if the men around that table were really Masons at heart. I think of all the treaties in the history of the world and none has caused the discontent, disturbance, dissatisfaction and near-war as has that awful agreement.

We can say what we like about economic conditions, about the cause, but every man knows that it is impossible to blow towns and countries to pieces, as well as human beings, to take a race to the battlefield and use it for destruction, and not suffer. Every war has been followed by the same experience. The Napoleonic War was followed by the same experience and it took more than two years to get around the corner.

I was charmed to hear the optimism of our Premier, and there is a grain of truth in it; but, as he says, it may be two, three, four, five or six years before we get back our economic equilibrium, after the terrific shock it has had.

I think, of course, that Masons ought to get to work and build a Nation. It is a mockery if we are not builders, and if we are we need to build a nation. We recognize that since the World War kings have fallen, empires have fallen and new responsibilities have come upon us. Nations are in the melting pot. One, at least, is trying to discover a new basis. It is our duty as Masons, as citizens and as builders to plan with wisdom. I have no time for sedition, for the Red Flag, for "down with Capital, down with this and down with that." I think that as Masons we should, under the inspiration of the Great Architect of the Universe, plan with wisdom; not to set up a particular theory of economics or a form of government, but to wisely re-adjust, to make a new and nobler pillar, to give far greater steadiness. I know of no greater challenge than comes in these days; I know of no greater opportunity

than is presented to Masons today, to reconsecrate themselves to becoming Nation Builders. We should bend our heads down over the desk with the plan spread out before us, and with thoughtful Masonic deliberation say: "I ought to be a Master Builder, and I am going to be a unit in the rebuilding of the Nation."

The first speaker made an interesting reference to a statement of the Governor of the State of Washington regarding juvenile delinquency. I have been president of a Children's Aid Society and I had before me some of the most sickening cases; such appalling cases that I could hardly believe it (and, mind you, a minister is very much in the midst of things today). I was appalled to find extraordinary looseness among the younger generation. I am convinced of this, Brethren, that if we are going to be builders, building a nation, we shall also have to be builders rebuilding the sacred unit—the Home.

Most of us believe in one wife, a home and children, and I believe that that is the sacred unit of society, and I am very much afraid that since the world catastrophe not only have the nations been shocked at the terrible conflict, but nothing has been more rudely shaken than that sacred unit of social organization, the home. I am not surprised. Some of you know that you can't take a few million men from their homes, wives, sisters, sweethearts, form them into armies and teach them to fight like the devil and expect them to come home saints and settle down as we were before we knew anything about war. Not only men, but women too. Some of our wives became entirely different, our sisters and our sweethearts, and the result is that our homes have lost the authority, the influence and the power of the old-fashioned home that some of us were brought up in.

I wonder how many Masons all over the world, since the war has shaken our homes, have quietly said: "Not only must we plan with wisdom the rebuilding of the nation, but we must rebuild our homes in strength." We as builders must consecrate ourselves to the re-establishment of a worthy home life.

Well, of course, I am not a politician; I am not very politic either, I am afraid; not a probation officer exactly; therefore I am not perhaps as interested in the settlement of domestic differences as Colonel McLeod might be; but men, I am intensely interested in human personality. I have had a clinic and it was one of the most interesting experiences in my life. In five and a half years I encountered there many interesting personalities, and I have been of late working up quite a clientele on the South side of Edmonton at least, and I am quite convinced that as Masons, being builders, we are challenged not only to build a nation with wisdom, to build a home in strength, but also I am more convinced than ever that we are called upon to build personality in beauty.

After all, I think Shakespeare knew human nature about as well as any man. He said, you know: "The fault is not in the stars but in ourselves that we are underlings." And I can understand our Premier saying that there has been a great string of circumstances that have caused the present condition, but although we may not be responsible, we will have to admit that Shakespeare was right. I apologize to the rising generation for the economic condition of the nation and the domestic conditions into which we have introduced them, because we are responsible. We should have risen and should never have allowed the world catastrophe. If ever another war arises Masonry will show its power and influence.

I would like to talk, if I had the time, about the development and building of personality; it is a great thing in the world, but I have only time to give you one or two illustrations of it. I am simply tired of of hearing the word "success." Words sometimes get so common that they lose their meaning altogether. "Success" always sort of sickened me. You hear "So and so could not be a success." What *is* success? It is just utilizing the silver spoon in the mouth.

There was a young fellow whose father gave him half a section of land, about six horses, all kinds of implements, a threshing machine. He started to farm, he fell in love, married, set up a home and made a lot of money. and they said he had been a success. Of course he had, why not? Why should any of us not be a success? But I remember a fellow in Saskatchewan who bought himself a piece of land in the month of February and when he went back in April he found his quarter section was fertile and bearing a crop of stones. What do you suppose he did? Did he cancel his homestead? No. He borrowed a crowbar, he worked, persevered and perspired, and within two years he had it fenced. A little later he wrote home: "My Dear Jane, Ye can come out noo, the farm 's all cultivated, four horses, two cows, the home, and it is all my ain." He wasn't a success, he was a triumph!

I was at the Brandon Winter Fair two years ago and I shall never forget the horses with their mounts on them—some from Winnipeg, some from Calgary, some from Edmonton. I was admiring the majestic looking animals when suddenly they brought in a hurdle, an obstacle. I remember watching the first rider. He leaned forward and shouted "Get up!", and the horse went over. Everybody applauded. When I went in I said "This is a success;" but then I said "Here is a triumph." The audience also recognized it and applauded.

In the building of personality you have got to learn to be a triumph and that is one of the ways we have to learn, by overcoming obstacles. I don't believe in suicide. I believe life is too interesting for that. And do you know that I have found that the fellows who get the most out of life have had to overcome obstacles.

For instance, we find that Demosthenes stuttered very badly. By perseverance in schooling himself he finally overcame that obstacle and became one of the greatest orators. To be sure he still stuttered occasionally, but it was like Laurier's French accent—it added to the beauty of his speech.

In building personality you get more out of overcoming obstacles; by finding that the trend of life consists in creating. When I marry a girl I look into her eyes with sympathy and read there a story. She seems to say: "My sister got married, but it was not a success. But my marriage is going to be different; I am going to be happy." Her vision is that she is going to live amid the blooms of happiness. She has not learned that happiness comes with creating rather than finding.

I had a girl come to me who had gone to a school in the wilds of the northern part of the province. She told me that she was only there two weeks when she wrote home: "Please tell Dad to send me enough money to get home. This is a terrible place, terrible people, they do not read, there is no church and no Sunday school and the people have no manners. Please send me my fare home."

The Mother and Father had a conference about it and wrote back:

"Dear Mary, We have read your letter. We have considered all that you have said. We have decided, however, not to send you your

fare. If these people are ignorant lend them books, you have a lot with you; encourage them, tell them about Shakespeare, Dickens, Scott and Burns. If you will write to the Bishop you will get a church. If there is no Sunday school, you were a great worker, start one. etc.”

In seven months you could not have pulled her out with a logging chain. She found the thrill of joy in creating. She did not go and find happiness, but by careful creation, by creating interest in literature, in Sunday school, in better manners, she created in every home in the district an entirely new atmosphere.

I remember some of the homesteaders some with a waggon, a plough, some with a wife and one or two children, and not a board to keep the sun or the moon off them. It did not look very good, but let them tell you about the first furrow they turned; let the old Mother tell you about the garden; let Father tell you about the first crop of wheat and the days they got a school district and many other triumphant experiences, and you will realize that personality is built up in the development and real thrill of creative effort.

I do not know any challenge that has so much thrill today as the challenge of creating. Different nations need a new nationalism. To be accurate most of us are dependent upon everybody else. We have got to create national self-sufficiency. Somehow or other we have got to create a new nation. And I am wondering if it will be the honour and privilege of Masons, who are builders of personality, to help along the time when nations shall be bound to each other with the golden chains of real brotherhood.

APPENDIX

REPORT *of* COMMITTEE *on* FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

FOREWORD

Ten years ago, the Grand Z. of a far-flung Jurisdiction, speaking at an Annual Convocation, said:

"One year ago we numbered 72,000; now we have nearly 79,000 on our rolls. With an ever-increasing membership our finances have kept pace. We have expended \$50,900.00 in benevolence this year as against \$35,700.00 last year. We should be a little more generous to those who require assistance."

Another Grand Z., the same year, in a "Foreign" Jurisdiction, commented thus:

"I believe this great unusual increase in our Fraternity comes at a most opportune time. Masonry has within itself an unlimited power for the betterment of many existing conditions and the key to possibilities is education and enlightenment."

Still another writing in the East stated:

"I can see hope in the prosperity of our great Order, in the gaining of members and the increase in the number of Chapters."

These three quotations were chosen at random; the sentiments expressed are indicative of a period when our numbers were increasing daily. All voice the principle that "Masonry wields a mighty influence in the interests of citizenship," and state that we were fortunate by thus being privileged to increase our membership.

A decade has passed since these prophets of a new Utopia emblazoned across the skies their message of satisfaction and complacency. While we have been assuming with Browning that "All's well with the world," a new era—age, aeon, call it whatever you like—has gradually been evolved. The strains of the "Jubilate" had barely ceased, when the ominous dirge of the "De Profundis" was heard. Thousands, yea, tens of thousands, who joined our ranks are now gone—almost forgotten. Our ranks are sadly depleted; the remaining rank and file are calling for vigorous leadership. This aspect of Masonry has been stressed time and again. In our altruistic desire to keep the masses, we neglected the man. Advancements by the dozen, and exaltations by the shoal, became a menace to our system. No time was given in which the teachings of each degree could be assimilated. Everything was on the march; and Masonry, recreant to past traditions, fell in with the multitude and almost lost its identity. We be-

came oversaturated, and the squeezing process through which we are passing leaves us weak and bewildered. Obviously, the future will be poor, and posterity shall suffer; for the coming generations we are leaving nothing but husks.

Lodges—Chapters—Commanderies—all are asking for the causes of this apparent chaos. One cause is lack of effective leadership. In vain we look for the Dermotts, the Dunkerleys, the Franklins, the Edward the Seventh. God's teachers are great leaders. In the world's history, whenever the good cause is to be helped forward and a new era is to be inaugurated in human society, we are sure to find some great soul, with the best weapons of his age, moving at the head of the advancing column. When such a one appears, the state goes down on its knees before him, and, listening to his words, learns the secrets he was sent to reveal. And the revealments of these souls are the warp, their deeds the woof, of that wondrous garment which we call Civilization.

Consequently, with the inevitable readjustment of social conditions, which will be reflected in the Capitular world, our leaders face the greatest era in Masonic history. They will have tasks and responsibilities thrust upon them such as neither we nor our fathers knew. They will have to work from a higher plane of enlightenment and drive a machinery of life more powerful than that of any former generation. They face the task of re-constructing a broken Capitular world. They must redeem the high spiritual motives, enthrone new moral ideals and enforce new moral standards. They will have to speak in world terms and cast their vision accordingly. As the poet says, they will have to

"Thrill with the joy of girded men
To go on forever,—and fail,
And then—Go on again."

SAMUEL H. MIDDLETON,
Chairman.

Of the Grand Chapter Proceedings received since the publication of our 1931 Proceedings those listed below have been reviewed:

Alabama.....	1931	Montana.....	1931
Arizona.....	1931	Nebraska.....	1931
Arkansas.....	1931	New Brunswick.....	1931
British Columbia.....	1931	New Hampshire.....	1931
California.....	1931	New Jersey.....	1931
Canada.....	1931	New South Wales.....	1931
Colorado.....	1931	North Carolina.....	1931
Connecticut.....	1931	North Dakota.....	1931
England.....	1931	Nova Scotia.....	1931
Florida.....	1931	Ohio.....	1931
Georgia.....	1931	Pennsylvania.....	1931
Idaho.....	1931	Quebec.....	1931
Illinois.....	1931	Queensland.....	1931
Indiana.....	1931	Scotland.....	1931
Iowa.....	1931	South Carolina.....	1931
Kentucky.....	1931	South Dakota.....	1931
Maine.....	1931	Texas.....	1931
Manitoba.....	1931	Utah.....	1931
Maryland.....	1931	Vermont.....	1931
Massachusetts.....	1931	Washington.....	1931
Michigan.....	1931	West Virginia.....	1931
Minnesota.....	1931	Wyoming.....	1931

ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Convocation was held at Montgomery, Monday, November 30th, 1931.

A very attractive portrait of M. E. Companion J. F. Spearman Grand High Priest, engages the first attention of the reviewer.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. What a background of wisdom for the presiding officer. Alberta was not represented.

The following extracts from the address of the Grand High Priest reminds one of the "Brook". "I am in high hopes that the stagnant condition that appears to be with us permanently will soon disappear and that Capitular Masonry will take on new life and thrive and prosper as it should." He makes an earnest appeal to the companions for generous support of the Masonic Home.

E. Companion Clemmons, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, filed with the Grand Secretary his review of the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters. Obviously it must still be on file, as no such report appears in the Proceedings. May the next copy be issued with a dual report.

The Committee on Masonry and American Citizenship must be skilled observers of the times. Their report is most challenging—"A new day has brought this nation new problems. Our people and our institutions are on trial. New and unwonted demands are being made on every side, grievances real and fancied are loudly sounded. Today as never before has this government of the people been challenged by enemies within and without. The cohorts of Communism with a legion of misdirected and misinformed zealots, armed with ignorance, pre-

judice and avarice, have assaulted the outposts of our people with a cunning propaganda and a subtle organization. With telling effect they have bored into our laboring masses using class consciousness as a deadly instrument. They have penetrated our schools and colleges by means of a subtle philosophy; they intrigued the unthinking with an emotional sophistry that makes strong appeal to those who feel that any change in conditions will always be for the better.

"In our own southland, they have deliberately and designedly endeavoured to stir up race prejudice. This movement, now but a cloud no bigger than a man's hand, is a portent of the inevitable cataclysm of the coming storm.

"Shall we sit idly by and remain deaf to these complaints and thus hasten the day of revolt or fail to heed the mutterings of discontent without an effort to do our part to uplift and regenerate mankind? Shall we not endeavour to inspire a new citizenship, worthy of our institutions?"

Which reminds us of the now immortal words "Wake up, England." He who runs may read.

73 Chapters. 9,581 Members. Loss, 1,829.

S.H.M.

ARIZONA

The Forty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was held at Globe on February 10th, 1931.

E. Companion Everett H. McEachren, Grand Master of the First Veil, responded at Roll Call as Alberta's Grand Representative.

Arizona's Deputy Grand High Priest, Charles W. Conway, died on February 1st and the deaths of three Past Grand High Priests were also recorded.

The Address of Grand High Priest, James Claffey was not lengthy. He had visited all the Chapters as well as General Grand Chapter, which took sixty days of his time. With his statement: "that, notwithstanding the benign influences of the church, religion and many noble lives in the world, sordid, grasping selfishness seems so largely to permeate human society," we agree but believe it would be worse were it not for those good influences. Selfishness is confined to no particular state or country. He had no decisions to make or dispensations to issue. The finances of Grand Chapter are in good condition.

Grand Lecturer C. B. Wilson, concluding his first year in office, shows that he was active. He appoints his own Deputies, one for each Chapter. Schools of Instruction had been held. His work was so well done that he was re-elected and granted \$100.00 annually for travelling expenses.

As in Alberta a member who has been suspended and later restored in his Craft Lodge, is automatically reinstated in his Chapter.

They have a rule that regular business can be transacted only in Regular Meetings.

The names of all companions in good standing are printed in the Proceedings.

There is no Foreign Review.

12 Chapters. 1,400 Members. Increase, 30.

E.G.I.

ARKANSAS

The Eighty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Arkansas was held at Little Rock on March 3rd, 1931.

Alberta appears to have no Grand Representative, so no one answered for us at roll-call.

Distinguished visitors included M. E. Companion John W. Neilson, of the General Grand Chapter; M. W. Brother A. J. Russell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge; and M. E. Companion Fay Hempstead as representative of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

The Masonic Temple of Little Rock, the beautiful "City of Roses," was erected to the memory of the immortal Albert Pike, who was a resident of that city.

The Address of M. E. Companion O. E. Williams was brief, being mainly a record of his travels and official acts. He announces the death of one of the State's pioneers, M. E. Companion James H. Roten, at the age of 86 years, who was made a Master Mason in 1868. He reported another year's loss in membership, but although admitting that the situation was serious, refused to be unduly excited. He had been unable to do much visiting of Chapters and doubts if such visits would have been of any advantage. The District Deputies report little visitation, and the Grand Lecturer's services had not been sought. We would consider that if Grand Chapter Officers showed so little activity, it could not be expected that the Chapters would show much life.

The charters of two Chapters were revoked, and two other Chapters were given another chance to make good. Two dispensations were granted, to ballot upon candidates without waiting the usual time, which is not good procedure. Also dispensations were given to elect and install at the same meeting, which would not meet with approval in Alberta.

Grand Secretary, John C. Bone had a troublesome affair to deal with. A Chapter had mailed a cheque for dues. This had not been deposited for several days, and, in the meantime, the bank on which the cheque was drawn failed. The Chapter claimed negligence on the part of the Grand Secretary, but Grand Chapter ruled against them.

At the suggestion of the Grand High Priest, the companions of Du Val Chapter, assisted by others of the Fifth District, did a noble act in presenting a radio set to the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

Eight Chapters are two years in arrears.

A fine large photograph of M. E. Companion Nielson appears in this Proceedings; also one of their veteran Grand Secretary J. C. Bone, who has served in that capacity for thirty-two years. What a

record! Long may he be spared to them. (An appreciative biographical sketch of this veteran is printed.)

There are fifteen District Deputy Grand High Priests, but they do not appear to make any written reports.

M. E. Companion Mark P. Olney as Reviewer writes a brief business-like Report. In his Foreword he says: "At this time the American Red Cross is feeding thousands of folks, showing that the kind hand of Providence is often extended to us in ways we know not of and all the world is kin. There never has been a time when the neighbor spirit was so well exemplified as now."

89 Chapters. 7,384 Members. Loss, 252.

E.G.I.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation was held in the Freemasons' Hall at the City of New Westminster, B.C., Wednesday, June 17th, 1931.

The Presiding Officer, M. E. Companion E. P. Allen, was attended by four Past Grand First Principals. Alberta was represented by R. E. Companion Prescott, to whom we return many thanks.

How gratifying to note these "High-Lights" in the Grand Z's address—"We have much to be thankful for"—"The outlook is very encouraging"—"During the past year most of our Chapters have been receiving candidates." In this British Columbia may cry "Excelsior." He waxed quite eloquent when speaking of his visit to the General Grand Chapter Meeting at Tacoma. The writer had hoped to attend, but was engaged elsewhere; such was a distinct personal loss.

The Grand Second, also the Grand Third Principal, gave an official report of their meanderings. Is this "Redundancy" or otherwise? After a series of long discussions Alberta decided to omit these "Vain repetitions." Am sure Companion Prescott will take heed.

The Grand Scribe E. reported that "The younger Chapters exhibited the most useful activity, as nine of the ten youngest Chapters show an increase in members." Youth is generally synonymous with growth. He then concludes "A fraternal organization based on the principles of Freemasonry should abolish the elimination of members by suspension. It wounds the feelings of companions already sorely distressed and destroys their confidence in the principles of brotherly love and relief.

"Methods of arranging these financial matters more in consonance with the teachings of the Order can be developed and should receive the earnest consideration of every true Freemason." To which we emphatically say Amen.

R. E. Companion S. Fea, Grand Historian, is not given to embellishment when he says "The year has been one of barrenness." Am pleased to note, nevertheless, that he and the writer are in accord by his placing the late "M. E. Companion Sherwin as a 'Great Ruler' of the Royal Craft."

Reciprocal Greetings were received from H. R. H. The Prince of Wales and the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Cassillis. These "Mystic chords" carry a sweet refrain.

The Committee on Ritual "Have nothing to report." Three Grand Superintendents, however state: "It has received the general approval of the Companions." The day is not far distant when there will be one Ritual from coast to coast.

The Foreign Correspondence was reviewed under the command of the Grand Scribe E., who has long since proven his merit in culling the substance from the shadow.

He summarizes two features as being necessary to retain membership:

1. Strong leadership.
2. Correction of loss of members.

Neither of these problems, he says, will prove an obstacle to an organization with initiative. True, Oh King!

Under the review of Alabama, Companion Prescott quotes the obvious anomaly of the "Grand Chapter of Canada" in Ontario. Alabama confesses ignorance as to the why and the wherefore of such a comprehensive term when there are seven or eight other "Grand Chapters" in Canada. The British Columbia reviewer very wisely gives credit where credit is due, and states: "The Grand Chapter of Canada has carried that title justly and honourably for over seventy years and is unquestionably proud of it—a change, if any, will be initiated by the Grand Chapter of Canada." Rumors of such a change are already in the ascendancy.

"Alberta" meets with his general favor.

Five pages are devoted to "Canada," indicating the historical, educational, and inspirational aspects. All are rich and have abiding merit.

28 Chapters. 2,841 Members. Loss, 6.

S.H.M.

CALIFORNIA

The Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California was held at San Francisco on April 21st and 22nd, 1931.

M. E. Companion Walter L. Stockwell, of North Dakota, and Grand High Priest John D. Wallace, of Nevada, were among the distinguished visitors.

Our old friend M. E. Companion Charles H. King was present as usual to represent Alberta. A very active and important member, he is chairman of the Finance Committee, president of the Order of High Priesthood, and a Past Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters. He was also chairman of the Joint Committee to the General Grand Chapter at Tacoma. This Committee at their headquarters in the Hotel Tacoma hospitably distributed orangeade (alcoholic beverages being strictly taboo) to all visitors as well as 60 boxes of magnificent apples, 20 boxes of oranges, 1,000 packages of Nonpareil raisins and 2,500 beautiful paper California poppies.

In California Capitular Masonry is really flourishing. Only two Chapters out of 130 were not represented at Grand Chapter.

Death claimed their Grand Scribe, John H. Sheridan.

It would appear from his address their Grand High Priest, Samuel A. Clarke, gave full time to the affairs of Grand Chapter; and his successor announced that he would devote the whole year to the affairs of Grand Chapter Masonry.

M. E. Companion Clarke made 58 visits and was present at every Chapter except two, either individually or by districts. He highly praises the Grand Lecturer and his Deputies of the twenty-five districts. To hold the members we have is as essential as obtaining new ones, he asserts. In a detailed account of his many visits he states that he found good fellowship and excellent work almost universal, and exceptionally large attendances. At several installations and dinners Craft Lodge members and even ladies were present. (With us, installation is performed only when the Chapter is open, so none but Companions could possibly be present.) He had the honor of installing his only son as a High Priest in the Chapter to which both belong. Twenty-one of his Dispensations were to confer degrees on two or more teams on the one date.

M. E. Companion Clarke seems to have had a very successful year. He is described as being "always frank with constructive criticisms, always a gentleman with indomitable courage and conscientious application, his success will long be remembered." He was presented with a P. G. H. P.'s Jewel and Apron and a cheque made payable to Mrs. Clarke.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Acting Grand Scribe gave reports of their visits to the Chapters assigned to them.

R. E. Companion D. B. Richards, Grand Lecturer, appoints the twenty-five Deputy Grand Lecturers, who report to him. The condition of Capitular Masonry is quite encouraging, he states. To avoid the increased cost of having him devote his full time to his duties, he suggests for the present, a school of instruction in each district.

When one of their Chapters was instituted, nine of the petitioners neglected to obtain demits from their original Chapters, with the result that the old Chapter paid per capita tax to Grand Chapter for nine years. Quite leniently, Grand Chapter refunded the amount of the tax.

The Uniform Code of By-laws was amended to read: "Provided, that in any month when the stated meeting shall fall on a legal holiday, it may be holden on the (any date desired)."

California has no vacant Chapter numbers. If a Chapter becomes extinct its number on the roll is given to the next new Chapter, or some other.

During the year the Foreign Correspondent, Companion A. A. Willoughby, passed to his reward. There is therefore a new Chairman of the Committee, E. Companion William T. Paullin, whose first attempt is creditable. He reviewed pleasantly, effectively, and tersely. (Alberta gets reports for two years—1929 and 1930.) He gives valuable statistics and gleanings, among them being: "Three-tenths of the Chapters in all Grand Jurisdictions show gains; six-tenths, losses, and the remainder no change or no report." Tennessee and Oregon propose

minimum annual dues of \$10.00; eleven Kentucky Chapters charge dues less than \$2.00, and Indiana has fifty-three Chapters with a minimum dues of \$2.00.

130 Chapters. 26,501 Members. Loss, 255.

E.G.I.

CANADA

The Seventy-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons (In Ontario) was held at Niagara Falls, February 25th, 1931. M. E. Companion Walter G. Price, Grand First Principal.

Five Past Grand First Principals were in attendance.

Alberta was represented by R. E. Companion John M. Empey.

Pennsylvania, Michigan, New York, New Jersey and Quebec were represented by many distinguished delegates.

The "Address of Welcome from the Niagara District Companions" reads something like the eulogies often recited about California. Here is a portion: "For those who travel West will arrive at the porchway or entrance (not of King Solomon's Temple but) of the Garden of Canada with Niagara Falls as its eastern entrance, and those travelling East will arrive at the Town of Grimsby, being the western entrance to our District, overflowing with bountiful supplies of all domestic fruits and agricultural products, and world renowned as to historic features, scenic beauty and electric power."

Having been introduced at a banquet in Toronto by the Grand First Principal and knowing the tenor of his thoughts, the address delivered to Grand Chapter was well in keeping and measured up to the high literary standards of his predecessors. What an intellectual background the following extract from his address depicts for the success of any undertaking: "It is of moment that our Convocation should be in this pleasant and hospitable city of Niagara Falls. As we are all aware, deeply etched backgrounds have enduring value. The centuries have bequeathed to Capitular Masonry their tradition and lore and precepts. They have given to our Order a rich meaning. We cherish these legacies.

"For the same reason we should recognize how wealthy are the historical associations which the Niagara District has accumulated. It is, indeed, endowed with the residue of ages. One cannot stand on this picturesque Frontier without being moved to several reflections. The adventures, dramas, tragedies, and achievements of our forebears come to mind. We recall that it was on this very ground that different races struggled for supremacy. It was here that first one flag was run up and then another, on the chain of forts which once extended from Fort George and Fort Niagara to the valleys of the Ohio. One fancies he can hear the tramp of armies, the rumble of guns and the din of conflict; one imagines, also, that he can see the dauntless explorers, the hardy pioneers and the intrepid missionaries as they moved steadily across the stage, from the days of Father Hennepin and La Salle on. The panorama recalls much to memory.

"But that is not all. Another thought possesses us. We are gratified to know that the battles fought by our ancestors, well over

a century ago, along these very stretches, settled for all time, let us hope, the destinies of two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon family. After 1812-15 we composed our differences. Ever since we have lived as two growing races, in unbroken peace and harmony. Not a frowning gun, not an armed vessel is maintained between us along the whole invisible line of nearly four thousand miles. We trade together. We mingle as neighbors. The sign of international amity is over our portals. We have offered, and continue to present to the world, an impressive example of how two peoples may get along amicably when they are willing to trust and understand one another."

Here is where educated leadership forges ahead: "Within the last twelve months alone how notable has been the stride of progress. For instance, at the observatory of Arizona a new planet, Eros, was discovered. For the first time in history telephonic conversation was held with Ottawa, Washington and London aboard a Canadian National Railways flier between Montreal and Toronto. The first direct beam wireless 'phone service was inaugurated between England and Australia. The Governments of Britain, United States and Japan became parties to the London Naval Treaty with the hope of lessening the chances of war. The accomplishment was celebrated by an international broadcast. That mammoth voyageur, the R-100 crossed the Atlantic and visited the Dominion, and incredible though it seems, the idea was advanced by a scientist that music and other sounds sent over the air keep going on to infinity: They are not dissipated, but may be picked up months after their creation if the right kind of instruments are used."

"My reason for mentioning these is not to make a review but rather to recognize the part Masons throughout the world have taken in them. Our members are among the thinkers, creators and designers. They are architects, geometricians, artisans, gold and silversmiths just as they were in the time of our first Grand Master."

We are still revelling in the Grand First Principal's Address and recommend this for your deliberation: "One point seems to be generally agreed upon. It is this: that in order to make Masonry the world-wide influence it should be, it is necessary to have further instruction, to the members as a whole, than is given in simple rendition of our ceremonies.

"We of the Western Hemisphere, unlike the Orientals, are not accustomed in our daily lives to express our meanings in allegories and symbolism, and yet all our ceremonies are marked by these characteristics because they originated in the East. This explains why the rich instruction, given through ritualism in our Chapters, needs a practical interpretation. Only in this way can the Occidental mind appreciate the full beauty of what has been handed down to us. Every Royal Arch Mason should be sufficiently imbued with the spirit of Capitular Masonry to make himself thoroughly familiar with what all our ceremonial forms and usages mean. They should, too, know the history of our fraternity and understand those honourable traditions which have been bequeathed to us by antiquity. Ritualism, after all, is only a method intended to express and convey a definite message. Unless this is achieved it is shorn of its deepest significance and virtue."

Alberta deleted the term "Janitor" from its workings some two years ago. We now note that even our Capitular Mother is following the lead of her once impetuous daughter. A Notice of Motion has been given "That the use of the word 'Janitor' be discontinued and the

term 'Outer Guard' be used in lieu thereof." I wonder if Nova Scotia will read the above. I hope so.

The Annual Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry always reminds one of an "Epistle to the——". It needs no comment. "Amid the surge of depressing commercialism and social insecurity, Royal Arch Masonry continues the even tenor of its way—a sanctuary for those who are seeking rest and repose from the uncertainties of life. The Royal Craft has a mission to fulfil and it is in the fulfilment of this mission that we find its greatest usefulness. In the rush and turmoil of life, the need of Tolerance, Kindness and Brotherhood is stronger than ever before. As our scope enlarges, temptations and discouragements increase, and the real need of sympathy in the stress of everyday affairs grows greater. It is here that the active army of Royal Arch Masons may redeem their pledge of service, here we may take our stand against the powers of Hardship, Poverty and Distrust, and in so doing prove a real assistance to those about us who are struggling to keep their place among their fellowmen.

"All that is highest in humanity comes through the throb of the human heart, and it is only by an appreciation of our own comforts and enjoyments that we may learn that selfishness has no place in the practice of good Masonry, and that unselfish acts and kindly deeds are the most radiant epoch in the biography of the soul.

"Lean not too heavily upon the greatness, the power and the antiquity of our Noble Craft, but rather let us develop new forces to display its soul and make more glorious the laurels of tomorrow. Actions, not words, should characterize the generous impulses of Royal Arch Masonry and if there be a competitive spirit in things Masonic surely it is demonstrated in the zeal of our Constituent Chapters." Benevolence appears to be a practical virtue with Canada.

To comment on the illuminating review of M. E. Companion Ponton would be a work of supererogation. It is a treasure—a gem—a veritable companion. It contains humor, pathos, joy, solemnity, deep spirituality and rich erudition. He reminds one of Whittier: "Earth, sky, home's pictures, days of shade and shine."

158 Chapters. 25,904 Members. Loss, 237.

S.H.M.

COLORADO

The Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado was held at Denver on September 17th, 1931.

Our Grand Representative, E. Companion W. S. Pickerill, was present.

Forty-eight out of fifty-one Chapters were represented.

Grand Chapter suffered irreparable loss by the deaths of its Grand Scribe, R. E. Companion A. A. Blakley, and Past Grand High Priests H. W. Woodward, Foreign Correspondent; Wm. D. Pierce and J. R. Killian.

In his address, Grand High Priest L. D. Crain is somewhat apologetic, as demands on his time prevented many visitations to the

Chapters. He says, "Anticipation fills one with enthusisam. It causes one to lay plans for the future. Rosy is the morning and the evening bids fair to be filled with memories of a day well spent; of tasks well done. Thus it seemed to me when I was elected." Now he regrets how little he accomplished.

It seems that the Grand Lodge of Colorado prohibits solicitation for candidates by the Royal Arch Chapters. However, this law was suspended for one year, and as the Grand Chapter has a similar rule the Grand High Priest issued a decree which suspended this rule for one year. This is rather unique as we look on the Royal Arch Degree as the completion of that of the Master Mason and believe we are quite proper in requesting a Brother to complete his Masonic course.

In one Chapter the officers and companions had lost interest and he recommended that their Charter be revoked.

He praises the work of the Grand Lecturer, Charles L. Young, and Grand Secretary, W. W. Cooper.

The Constitution was amended to reduce the initiation fee to a Chapter from \$50.00 to \$35.00.

The Grand Lecturer visited every Chapter. The annual dues of one Chapter are \$1.00; four charge \$2.00, fifteen charge \$3.00, and the rest \$3.50 to \$6.00. Most of the Chapter officers can confer a good portion of the degrees. However, he found 10 High Priests, 25 Kings and 32 Scribes who could not confer any part of any degree, and 4 High Priests, 10 Kings and 20 Scribes who could not open or close the Chapter. We think a mistake was made in electing these. Twenty-four Principal Sojourners were unable to deliver their lectures in full. He believes that the prosperity, or lack of prosperity, in any Masonic Body is determined, largely, by the personality of its officers—they either make or break the Chapter. (He had the experience by which to judge.) Some officers say, "Why learn the degrees when we have no candidates?" (Well, if the officers cannot confer the degrees, it is certain there will be no new members.)

E. Companion Edwin H. Snyder gives us his first Foreign Correspondence Review, which is a very comprehensive effort. In his Foreword he says, "Some evidence a real surprise that a companion, under any circumstances, would permit himself to be suspended for non-payment of dues. Such thoughts must needs come from those who have never experienced the bitterness of little ones at home, hungry and not a single day's pay in sight."

Concerning existing economic conditions, he says, "Past experience assures us that they are not to be permanent. Every valley requires a hill on either side. Surely, we must realize, that we were aeroplaned up the mountain of prosperity. It is a new and bitter experience to the younger generation, while to those of mature years it is accepted as the melancholy days which always follow a hilarious vacation."

51 Chapters. 7,612 Members. Loss, 208.

E.G.I.

CONNECTICUT

The one Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was held at Hartford on May 12th, 1931.

Our Grand Representative, E. Companion F. E. Bartholomew, was absent.

Among distinguished visitors were M. E. Companion W. T. Purnell, of Delaware; M. E. Companion F. W. Knowlton and R. E. Companion W. W. Williamson, of Quebec; M. E. Companion Jesse E. Ames, of Massachusetts; M. E. Companion C. L. Earle, of Vermont; M. E. Companion Roy B. Davis, of New York; M. E. Companion Adelbert E. Place, of Rhode Island; and M. E. Companion H. De Witt Hamilton, of General Grand Chapter.

The Address of the Grand High Priest, Arthur F. Lewis, shows that he was active in the discharge of his duties. He is an Episcopalian rector, and must be a large man in stature as well as in intellect, as he is described by his friend, Sam J. Helm of Texas, as "the biggest thing I ever saw move about on the ground without wheels under it."

He visited every one of his Chapters, besides attending various Convocations outside of his home State. There was nothing unusual in his official acts. One of his decisions was that a High Priest cannot ask an elective officer to step aside during the execution of degrees, because of a neglect to do his work properly.

He recommended that the per capita tax be raised from 40c to 50c a year. The Committee on Budget reported that expenditures exceed receipts by about \$2,000 a year. Instead of increasing the per capita tax, they recommended that a tax of \$5.00 for each candidate exalted be imposed; but Grand Chapter voted "No," so the only thing left to do is to curtail expenses.

The Grand High Priest protests against the making of too many Life Members at a small fee. The Life Membership of one Chapter was 33 per cent. of its total, and the fee was \$15.00.

Connecticut has no District Superintendents, the four highest Grand Officers being assigned a number of Chapters to visit and each makes a report to Grand Chapter.

Grand Secretary, George A. Kies, sets a record for he had his printer's "copy" for 1930 Grand Convocation ready in four days.

We note that Connecticut does not suspend for non-payment of dues, such members being "Struck from the Rolls," which means that they become non-affiliates. However, their system works out much the same as ours.

The Report of the Custodians is that good work is being done by the Chapters. They recommend that the High Priest open and close his Chapter, instead of this being done by the Captain of the Host, as is the custom in some Chapters. (This seems logical, and we think it should be the duty of every presiding officer in any Chapter so to do.)

M. E. Companion Kies (a newspaper editor) gives us his 23rd Review, and it is a good one—one of the best it has been our privilege to read. One of his statements is, that "Comment is the life of a review and carries much information." He does not comment on all that transpires in a Grand Chapter, but selects unusual circumstances and gives valuable advice and comment thereon. We will look for future reviews of his. He recommends that each Chapter have a Committee on Dues, who shall investigate each delinquent and so get, quietly, the financial condition of such companion. (We fully agree.) He gives Alberta for 1930 an agreeable report with comment. We wish we had

more space in which to deal with his breezy and instructive remarks, but here are some of them:

Like the Grand Reviewer of the District of Columbia, he has little use for the Grand Representatives—they are merely office holders.

In England there are 1,600 to 2,000 Chapters.

There is a recognized Grand Chapter of France.

From Illinois, he quotes: "There was a complaint of a certain gang running the affairs of Grand Chapter. A gang runs every Chapter, as well as Grand Chapter. It is composed of every companion interested in Capitular affairs. I am proud to say I belong to it. The gang encourages the officers and takes over any job in which they may be needed."

In India each Mark Master Mason is given his mark, and not allowed to select his own.

In an Oregon Chapter, a degree team in Knight Templar regalia conferred the Royal Arch Degree, which he declares to be absurd and highly improper. However, he quotes someone as saying: "We may make mistakes in trying to find the best way of arousing and maintaining interest in the Chapter, but that is better than doing nothing."

He thinks it utter nonsense to require candidates to "sign the By-laws," except for purposes of record. No one knows where the idea originated.

He, and many other authorities, would like to follow Pennsylvania's example and eliminate the Past Master's Degree.

He quotes Sam J. Helm, of Texas, who comments on a Grand Chapter officer thus: "He reports five visits and six feeds, thereby wasting much time in writing on paper. If he had worn the same shirt, he could have saved writing by submitting his shirt front, which would have had his report written on it in gravy."

In discussing the proper descriptive wording, Constituent or Subordinate Chapter, he says these are superfluous, as a Chapter is a Chapter and Grand Chapter is Grand Chapter.

General Grand Secretary Conover reports that there are 777,690 Chapter members in the United States.

46 Chapters. 16,463 Members. Loss, 179.

E.G.I.

ENGLAND

Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England

Pro-Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion Rt. Hon. Lord Amphill.

Quarterly Convocations were held at the Freemasons' Hall, London, England.

At the November meeting in 1931, the Pro-Grand First Principal welcomed the return of the official delegation, Companions Lord Corn-

wallis, Sir Colville Smith and Sir George Boughy, from the important mission of visiting the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Companion Lord Cornwallis, in responding, said: "The heart of America was very strongly tied to England at the present time and they felt that their troubles were ours."

The singing of the first verse of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

S. H. M.

FLORIDA

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida was held at Jacksonville on May 19th, 1931.

Our Grand Representative, E. Companion James M. Wilson, was present.

Thirty-nine out of fifty-one Chapters were represented.

As Grand High Priest, Stafford Caldwell states, his address is a "brief business report." He finds that "a real spirit of Masonic Brotherhood and harmony has been in existence." He "had not done a great deal of travelling, but had administered the affairs of Grand Chapter from his office; the principal reason being that he desired to conserve the funds, in order that the work of the Grand Lecturer would continue, and also to provide liberally for the expenses of the District Deputy Grand High Priests." This shows modesty on his part, but I am sure our Alberta companions would desire their First Officer to visit much and cut expenses elsewhere. We do not pay Mileage or Per Diem, but the delegates of thirty-nine Chapters to Jacksonville cost Grand Chapter \$2,293.45 (Mileage \$1,195.45, and Per Diem \$1,098.) Our Chapters usually contribute to the expenses of their own delegates.

The Triennial Fund was allocated to best advantage and eleven of the leading Royal Arch Masons attended General Grand Chapter at Tacoma, Wash. It was desired to have a large delegation as Florida was nominating M. E. Companion Henry O. Snow for General Grand Master of the First Veil. However, M. E. Companion Spottswood, of Montana, was elected to the coveted office. The Grand First Principal was unable to go so he appointed the Grand Lecturer as his proxy.

He appointed a Committee to supervise the erection of monuments to the memory of two deceased Past Grand High Priests, but as a monument had been erected by one, only one was required.

Of his dispensations, one was to allow a Chapter to elect and install a High Priest, because the regularly installed High Priest had been relieved of the office owing to his having been expelled by his Craft Lodge for Unmasonic Conduct. Another dispensation was to permit a Chapter to meet on its regular meeting day at 2 o'clock, to receive petitions, refer them to committees, receive reports of committees and ballot on four brethren. (Why all the rush?)

He gave much credit to Grand Lecturer Dorsey H. Rutter for faithful and zealous work. R. E. Companion Rutter reported attending seven District Meetings. At one Craft Lodge he was granted the privilege of setting forth the claims of Royal Arch Masonry and its place in the Masonic system.

A Chapter U.D. decided that it would be unable to properly keep up its organization and returned its dispensation.

Four Chapters had made no returns for one or more years and eight others had not paid dues for 1930.

The Educational Committee gave a lengthy Report on what it considered the best method of obtaining and retaining membership, in which it said that "Hard times and the multitude of other attractions are often the reasons given for the losses," but believes that the first is not correct, considering the money that is spent on amusements. In the second lies the hidden truth. "So long as Masonry meets the needs of the human soul, so long will she live and prosper." The Chapters must develop friendship and brotherly love, by social intercourse. If a companion meets his best friends in Chapter meetings, he will have a desire to attend and mingle with them. A variety of inexpensive social gatherings should be held to foster true Masonic friendship and brotherly love. We would say this is good sound reasoning.

The Grand Lecturer was voted an allowance of \$750 a year and the District Deputy Grand High Priests a sum of \$250. The Grand High Priest appoints the District Deputies, who report annually to him. They hold Schools of Instruction and endeavor to promote the welfare of the Chapters. At this Convocation each gave a verbal report.

M. E. Companion Ely P. Hubbell is the Grand Reviewer. He gives Alberta for the year 1930 a good generous two-page report.

51 Chapters. 6,862 Members. Loss, 872.

E.G.I.

GEORGIA

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia was held in the city of Macon on April 29th, 1931.

Our Grand Representative, E. Companion Zach. Arnold was present. He was one of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Among the distinguished visitors was Grand High Priest the Honorable T. N. McKee, of Pennsylvania.

On opening, Grand High Priest Charles L. Bass stated that, in view of the urgent need for conserving funds, he decided to clear the business of Grand Chapter in a one-day session. As the delegates are paid a per diem for attending, this would mean a considerable saving. Last year's per diem amounted to \$2,097.35. However, the following items selected from the Disbursements, would appear to show plenty of funds:

Expenses of twelve members to General Grand Chapter	\$3,500.00
Expenses of eight members attending a meeting of the Finance Committee	66.00
Insurance on Grand Lecturer's auto.	21.15
Salary of Grand Secretary-Lecturer	3,600.00
Expenses of Grand Lecturer	1,132.68
Salary of Foreign Correspondent	200.00
Salary of Grand Treasurer	600.00

The Address of M. E. Companion Bass shows him to be a kindly, conscientious and earnest worker. His activities had been curtailed owing to a stroke of paralysis in December, and he had been unable to visit the Chapters as he had planned.

The Committee on his Address say of him: "Physically frail, with knightly courage and undaunted trepidity, he has fought to win and conquer. Every thought of his cultured mind, every act of his busy life and every impulse of his loving heart has manifested the most sincere sympathy with his fellowman. No man in Georgia Masonry ever loved little children like he has."

Georgia has an Educational Loan Fund. The Committee found that many beneficiaries, being teachers whose salaries had not been paid regularly for the past three years, were slow and irregular in their payments.

The Grand Lecturer, R. E. Companion A. G. Miller, had made ninety visits and travelled 20,000 miles by auto, besides trips by train. He is confident that many dormant Chapters will return to a healthy state. Sixty-two Chapters out of one hundred and forty-six were represented at Grand Chapter. Seven had forfeited their charters during the year. Many are behind in dues to Grand Chapter, fourteen being four years or more. The Grand Lecturer was instructed to make early visits to these, and if there was no possibility of their functioning properly, the charters were to be forfeited. E. Companion Miller was re-elected for a period of four years.

The Relief Committee reports no application for relief. However, the Grand High Priest had disbursed various amounts up to \$300. It was suggested that this Committee work in conjunction with Grand Lodge Relief Committee.

The Committee on Finance, in a business-like manner, tightened up on Grand Chapter affairs. The Grand Secretary is to deposit cash daily. He and the Grand Treasurer were to be bonded for \$5,000 and \$10,000 respectively. The Grand Lecturer is to submit for approval to the Grand High Priest or Finance Committee an accurate record of his expenses monthly.

Although it cost \$3,500 to send twelve members to General Grand Chapter, all committees favor this expenditure, as they believe great good is accomplished, and large delegations in future are recommended.

The Grand High Priest recommended the erection of a cottage at the Masonic Home, to be named the E. A. McHan Cottage, in memory of their late beloved Grand Secretary, but the General Welfare Committee postponed action.

E. Companion Pleasant T. McCutcheon, Foreign Correspondent, in his Foreword says "he regrets that it has been necessary to shorten the Reviews on account of mounting expenses and decreased funds." He reviews fifty Grand Jurisdictions in thirty-four pages. Alberta gets less than one-half a page.

146 Chapters. 13,984 Members. Loss, 1,454.

E.G.I.

IDAHO

The Twenty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Idaho was held at Sand Point on May 19th, 1931. M. E. Companion Edward R. Chrisman, Grand High Priest presided.

The Grand Representative of Alberta was not present.

Twenty out of twenty-one Chapters were represented.

Greetings were received and flowers were presented from the Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Idaho.

Distinguished visitors were present from the Grand Chapters of Washington and Montana and from the Grand Commandery of Idaho, Knights Templar.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, gives some startling figures: "The number of Royal Arch Masons in U. S. A. is now 777,000, showing a net loss of 29,000. During the last six years there have been 103,000 suspensions in the United States. Idaho's net loss has been 6 3-5 per cent, while the loss in the U. S. A. has been 1 1-5 per cent." Our Idaho Companions have been trying to solve some of the difficulties and consider what change, if any, is necessary. We excerpt from the Grand High Priest's address: "After careful study of these and other statistics, together with facts and opinions printed as well as those within common knowledge; the recommendations of our Past Grand High Priest in his report of last year; and mindful of the truth that the world of today demands accomplishment rather than parlance as a true measure of service and standing, the conviction was formed that introspective reflection, retrospective and prospective views should receive timely, deliberate attention, because the well-being and future of our fraternity, the continued existence of this Grand Chapter in its present form will be vitally concerned. Capitular Masonry in one of its essential aspects is comprehensively educational. It should keep pace with modern educational methods and with its breadth of interpretation in its appeal to men and in its efficiency, possibly to the extent of enlarging its activities; of simplifying or modifying ways or presentation and ritualistic work, to keep abreast of the standards of social and economic life and conditions. The alternative, which has its advocates, is exclusiveness. A special committee was appointed to make a survey of exigencies with report and recommendations of remedies that are applicable to our constituent Chapters or, if necessary, may be submitted to higher councils, which will undoubtedly be in receptive attitude for action that must not long be deferred."

It was ordered that wherever and whenever a request is made by a constituent Chapter for more rituals for use in work that the request be granted.

Alberta was courteously reviewed.

23 Chapters. 2,469 Members. Loss, 122.

M.M.D.

ILLINOIS

The Eighty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois was held in La Salle Hotel, Chicago, on October 29th, 1931. M. E. Companion Harry L. Kelly, Grand High Priest presided.

Among the thirteen Past Grand High Priests present was M. E. Companion A. J. Schattgen, Alberta's Grand Representative.

Distinguished guests were present from Ontario, Wisconsin, Missouri, the General Grand Chapter, as well as from the Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois.

The Grand High Priest was in attendance as a voting member at the Grand Lodge, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, Council of Deliberation and the Eastern Star of the State of Illinois.

M. E. Companion Kelly recommended: "I recommend that the Jurisprudence Committee give careful consideration to this subject and if their judgment is favorable that they draft a suitable by-law for dual or plural membership and submit it to this Grand Chapter for its consideration at this Annual Convocation."

In the Grand High Priest's address he explained the loss of membership in any organization when he said: "Loss of interest ends in loss of membership, for few will continue to pay for that in which they are not presently interested."

We would like to quote in full that part of Companion Kelly's address on "Condition of the Order," and space alone prevents us. We excerpt the following from his remarks on Suspensions:

"Appoint service committees to get in personal touch with these, ascertain the facts, visit them at their homes—then pass on each case on its merits and suspend only those who have lost interest, or are unworthy of our favorable consideration. Some have been suspended when their dues should have been paid. Seek out the suspended and the demitted and strive to rekindle the fire of fraternalism and Capitular Masonry. Some will affiliate, some will reinstate and a member regained is often worth more than a new member."

The passing of M. E. Companion George F. Henthorne, Past Grand High Priest, was announced.

Schools for Instruction were held throughout the State, and were reported very satisfactory.

It is said of Companion Kelly: "While he maintained the dignity of his office, he was friendly and sociable. . . . he takes Masonry, especially Capitular Masonry, seriously, yet pleasurably. . . . he has an extensive personal acquaintance among Masons. . . . his talks are always instructive. . . . that he always remembers to drop a friendly greeting to the companions serving the lunch after Chapter meeting, who did not get to meet him or hear him talk. . . . that he would not permit needless expense on elaborate banquets".

Among by-laws revised we read the following:

"349. Honorary membership may be terminated by a three-fourth vote by ballot, at any stated convocation of such proposed action and due notice given to the holder of such honorary membership."

The Order of High Priesthood held a session during recess of Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion Turnbull, in his Foreword of Correspondence, notes that North Carolina has decided to establish Mark Lodges in certain places.

Alberta is given generous treatment in the Review.

211 Chapters. Membership 83,731. Loss, 3,234.

M.M.D.

INDIANA

The Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Indiana was held at South Bend, October 21st, 1931.

Pictures of the famed and famous occupy the first eight pages of the Proceedings. Enthusiasm must run riot under such benign countenances.

Alberta was represented.

The address of the presiding officer ranks amongst the "High Lights" of the year. It contains all the rudiments of the time-honoured dictum which governs a real address—Educational, Interesting, Inspirational. Comment would be superfluous. Here are a few excerpts: "Our losses are fewer because of more active leadership which tends to keep the membership enthused to such an extent that they in turn become teachers of our art. The direct responsibility of the success of a Chapter rests upon the High Priest. If he is well informed and enthusiastic, so will be his membership; but if he is incompetent and indifferent he cannot expect to head a live, wideawake Chapter. To be a High Priest means much sacrifice of time, hard work, much study and more love. The cost is great, but the reward is immense. Let every companion reflect that it's better to remain in the ranks, unheard, than to accept the exalted station and fail to fill it properly. Better to forego the making of an obligation than fail to meet it after assuming it.

"The want of knowledge and information among a large majority is amazing.

"Masonic charity is not forced, but is rather an incident of Masonic teachings. Every lesson taught by lecture or by symbol, every obligation taken at the altar should be food for that kind of character that strengthens and sweetens all life. When all those lessons, lectures and obligations are presented to us in a clear and perfect manner we can not help but be more deeply impressed. Masonry is a school in which the vision of men may be widened. When men have been schooled by the repetition of truths taught by our ritual they will not be satisfied until they know the Eternal Truth. My silent prayer has been that I might serve you wisely and faithfully to the best of my ability."

He strongly censures the method of seeking election by the solicitation of votes, and adds: "This is not a political organization, and officers should be selected upon their merit and not upon the solicitations of their friends. It is my opinion the this Grand Chapter should take a determined stand against this sort of solicitation even to the extent of making it a Masonic offense."

The Grand Chaplain, Companion G. M. Payne, delivered a particularly searching address on "Masonry and Fellowship." The introduction arouses your attention: "A very large part of Masonry's fascination for us lies in the fact of fellowship. Fellowship is a wonderful thing and the more we cultivate it the more wonderful it becomes. The trenches in Europe made men forget race and religion for a time at least and they were drawn together in a wonderful comradeship. To stick to your buddy and play the game was the great commandment of the soldier. In those little labyrinths and tunnels called trenches men learned tolerance and brotherhood."

He concludes, with telling effect: "Matthew Arnold, in Rugby Chapel, pictures a band of pilgrims fighting their way over Alpine Heights. A few succeed in struggling through innumerable perils to

the wayside mountain inn; and as the host receives them he asks, 'Where are the others? Who have you left in the snow?' Sadly they answer, 'We bring only ourselves—we lost the rest in the snow storm.' I think the spirit of Masonry has always been more or less correct right here and I hope it will continue to be so. Here is a good question for every Mason to ask himself, 'How much am I worth to my neighbor?' A man really lives in the hearts of those whom he has influenced and helped in meeting life's problems. This is the best sort of spirit by which to diffuse and propagate brotherhood and fellowship."

The Annual Capitar Review is written by Past Grand High Priest Archer Woods. His Foreword is arresting in its pertinency. Most vividly he writes—"Companions: Come out of your shell of complacency; get your heads together; think; scheme; work. Find a leader and find him quick. Then follow him into the heat of battle, for battle it will be."

Under "Alberta" he commends the reviewing ability of M. E. Companion J. E. Johnson. Naturally, for many years he has been the "Reviewing Laureate" of this jurisdiction, and is still "going strong," despite his sojourn in British Columbia.

116 Chapters. 31,088 Members. Loss, 476.

S.H.M.

IOWA

The Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa was held in Sioux City on October 8th, 1931. M. E. Companion C. H. Haney, Grand High Priest, presided.

Previous to the opening of Grand Chapter, the Grand Worthy Matron, O.E.S., presented a basket of beautiful flowers.

Alberta's Grand Representative is the Grand Treasurer, and he as usual, was present.

Distinguished visitors were present from Utah, Nebraska, South Dakota, Missouri, and the General Grand Chapter, as well as from the Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Iowa.

The death of M. E. Companion Amos N. Alberson, Grand High Priest, during the year 1894, was recorded.

Speaking of decreases in membership, the Grand High Priest says, in reference to the Triple Tau Clubs:

"We must not lay down and let other organizations get our members from us just because we do not have entertainment for them, but we must furnish that entertainment.

"The people of today are amusement-mad and want to be entertained. In these clubs we can have picnics and various kinds of ways of enjoying ourselves and families. So, companions, let us do all we can to keep our Chapters going and get together as often as we can and let all our companions know that we are having a fine time at these meetings, and we will get the companions that have deserted us coming back into the fold.

"It certainly pays to advertise and we must advertise among our companions and create a desire among the companions that have not been coming regular to get out and work."

We note that two Chapters were consolidated. In the change of By-laws we learn that several Chapters have reduced their fees to \$25.00.

M. E. Companion Edward M. Williard reviews Alberta, taking one page of the Proceedings.

120 Chapters. 20,551 Members. Loss, 504;

M.M.D.

KENTUCKY

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky was held at Louisville, October 21st, 1931.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Whitehead, must have kept his typewriter fairly well oiled, for he issued numerous edicts or letters of instruction to the Chapters. Here is part of the first: "Last year we had 100 per cent inspection, but a number of Chapters did not have degree work, while others did not even open Chapter. I trust that we may be able to report ALL CHAPTERS having exemplified one or more degrees on date of inspection. ALL inspections MUST BE MADE and reports in hands of Grand High Priest by June 1st, 1931."

Then comes the second: "Don't suspend members, but collect enough money, if possible, to pay Grand Chapter dues, and in every case where difficulties may arise about payment of dues, remit them and let the members start anew with their Chapters. This is the time for every Royal Arch Mason to show the quality of his Masonic strength by building up and permitting no one to tear down. Stand by your Chapter and adhere to the great and glorious principles of Capitular Masonry."

The Third Edict is more or less of a Yuletide injunction, bearing the date of December 18th: "We should not be discouraged, but on the other hand should redouble our efforts to the end that Royal Arch Masonry will further spread its influence toward the upbuilding and enlightenment of our fellowmen. Let's strive hard to retain the companions we now have, and harder, if possible, to regain those lost by the N.P.D. route by taking time to interpret Capitular Masonry so that it will become a vital factor in their lives."

The Grand Secretary makes a most comprehensive yet withal a very interesting report. He asks the question: "We note that some of the foreign correspondents are commenting on the way Kentucky spells the word 'Vail' as applied to First, Second and Third Vails in the Chapter. We wish to say that if they will look carefully into Webster's International Dictionary, they will find that the word is spelled 'Vail' or 'Veil'. You pay your money and take your choice."

He may be a pedagogue, but yet not pedantic. It is very gratifying to note that comments have been made on this "innovation from Kentucky." "Vail" is obviously wrong. Such is archaic in the extreme and has no reference whatsoever to the "Veils" in a Chapter. "Vail" indicates a token of submission—to yield; give place; "Veil," however, is correct, as it "serves to conceal." Commentators, please note, and report to the Grand Secretary.

The reviewer, Past Grand Master William W. Clarke, is very generous with Alberta. He quotes at great length from the address of M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, and publishes the names of our committee on reviews. Masonic reciprocity is always in order.

122 Chapters. 15,128 Members. Loss, 1,107.

S.H.M.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine was held at Portland on May 5th, 1931.

M. E. Companion Perley C. Dresser, Grand High Priest, was unavoidably absent from this Convocation, over which R. E. Companion Henry R. Gillis, Deputy Grand High Priest, presided.

Sixty-three out of 68 active Chapters were represented. Thirteen of the 14 living Past Grand High Priests, 21 of the other 29 permanent member, and 46 of the 58 Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Maine (Alberta's Representative being present) were in attendance. Distinguished guests included the Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapters of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, and the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, as well as Grand Chapter Officers from the Grand Chapters of New York and Quebec.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest, which was read by the Deputy Grand High Priest, was brief and confined mainly to a recital of his official acts, consisting mainly in his official visits to several of the Chapters in his own Jurisdiction and also in attending the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapters of Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Vermont. It disclosed the financial condition of this Grand Chapter as one of strength, both in respect of Grand Chapter finances and of the finances of the constituent Chapters.

During the year, the membership of Grand Chapter decreased by 387, a number almost identical to that of members who had demitted or died during the year. The additions to membership through exaltation, affiliation and reinstatement were set off by the suspensions for non-payment of dues.

Examination of the reports of the other Grand Chapter Officers indicates that the interest in Royal Arch Masonry is being sustained throughout this Jurisdiction and that an excellent spirit of optimism is evident.

The attendance at Chapter meetings varies considerably but, having regard to the membership of the Chapters, is inadequate. In many cases Chapter dues are considerably in arrears.

On the whole, however, we would judge that the record of the Grand Chapter of Maine in these regards compares favorably with the average throughout the United States and Canada.

This Grand Chapter has quite a substantial benevolent or charity fund. No heavy demands appear to have been made upon it during the year 1931.

The Annual Proceedings are furnished with numerous statistical tables, which render them valuable for reference.

The report on Correspondence, prepared and submitted by M. E. Companion Thomas H. Bodge, comprises a little over 100 pages of closely printed matter and presents a very instructive and interesting review of Royal Arch activities throughout the world for the year 1930. The writer, who for many years has been the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Mainenear the Grand Chapter of Alberta, has found the reports on Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Maine highly interesting and instructive and desires to express the appreciation of this Grand Chapter to M. E. Companion Bodge for his sympathetic interest in our Proceedings. Inasmuch as this work in Alberta is done by a group of reviewers, we cannot hope to achieve the degree of excellence reached by the Maine reviewer.

M. E. Companion Henry R. Gillis, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary.

68 Chapters. 17,057 Members. Loss, 387.

F.S.S.

MANITOBA

The Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba was held in Winnipeg on February 4th, 1931.

Our Grand Representative, E. Companion Frederick L. Newman, was present.

This Convocation was honored by the presence of many distinguished guests, of whom the most notable was M. E. Companion John W. Neilsen, General Grand High Priest of the United States. Others were our esteemed friend, M. E. Companion George F. Burgess of Saskatchewan; M. E. Companion Arthur P. Guy, of North Dakota; R. E. Companion Arthur E. Cantelon, Grand King, and M. E. Companion William Pool, Grand Lecturer, of Minnesota.

The Address of the Grand First Principal, W. M. Bentley, though not lengthy, gave a good account of his activities. He visited many of the Chapters and, as he was unable to accept invitations to attend neighboring Grand Chapters, he appointed M. E. Companion W. D. Lawrence to represent him at Saskatchewan, R. E. Companion A. Little at Minnesota, M. E. Companion F. W. Brownell at North Dakota and M. E. Companion Frank E. Simmons at Alabama.

He says; "Capitular Masonry in this Province has, to a certain extent, held its own, notwithstanding our business and agricultural depression." The decrease in membership was only eight.

Grand Chapter lost by death the Grand Treasurer, R. E. Companion J. J. Jackson, as well as R. E. Companions W. G. Bell and Leach. The former was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. In speaking of them the Grand First Principal quotes this gem:

The loved and lost: why do we call them lost?
Because we miss them from our onward road?
God's unseen Angel o'er our Pathway crossed,
Looked on us all, and, loving them the most,

Straightway relieved them from Life's weary load.
 They are not lost: they are within the door
 That shuts out loss and every hurtful thing,
 With Angels bright and loved ones gone before."

He gave a decision that Kildonan Chapter, No. 10, was considered a Chapter within the City of Winnipeg, and one of his recommendations (in which Grand Chapter concurred) was "that all Chapters in Greater Winnipeg were considered to be in the City of Winnipeg."

R. E. Companion George Syme, Grand Scribe E., who visited the Grand Chapter of Alberta in 1931, has the finances in good condition. Total receipts over disbursements were \$300.

The Grand Superintendents of the three Districts gave excellent reports. R. E. Companion J. J. Sinclair, of District No. 1 states, "Our Chapters are in a healthy and prosperous condition, and the interchange of visits has established good fellowship and sociability."

We note that our good friend R. E. Companion Harry F. Moulden installed the officers of the Prince of Wales Chapter. He was the first Grand Officer from Manitoba to visit our Grand Chapter, being Grand Scribe E. at the time.

One Superintendent says: "Our Grand Z. is so well known that to call a District Meeting for his introduction was unnecessary." I believe we would consider the Grand Z's. presence at a District Meeting by no means the greatest benefit to be derived therefrom. Another Superintendent has this to say about the poor attendance at an important convocation—"The evening's program was worthy of more support from the rank and file, and particularly the town members." Many Grand Officers in other Jurisdictions have had similar experiences.

M. E. Companion W. D. Lawrence delivered a fine address, which is printed in full.

R. E. Companion John Parton writes the Fraternal Correspondence. Apparently our Proceedings did not reach him in time to be reviewed. One of the amusing comments he makes is that a number of Reviewers call our Grand First Principals in Canada the "Grand Zed." He wonders what they would think if their Grand High Priest were referred to as the "Grand Aitch Pee!"

16 Chapters. 1,812 Members. Loss, 8.

E.G.I.

MARYLAND

The One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held in the City of Baltimore on December 8th, 1931. M. E. Companion Irving B. Jackson, Grand High Priest. He was strengthened in the East by the presence of twelve Past Grand High Priests.

Alberta was represented by Companion Roy Danzer.

The Grand High Priest during his year of office made many visitations, gave no decisions and attended the George Washington Memorial Association; transferred to the Grand Lodge a cheque and securi-

ties amounting to \$40,000.00 on behalf of the dependents of Masons; assisted in "breaking ground" for the first unit of the Masonic Home and incidently wrote a good address.

The report of "Committee on Doings of Grand Officers" was one of reciprocal mutuality in all good works.

In the Far West Rituals are apparently being used by a promiscuous multitude. In the Far East, however, the system is reversed: "Resolved—That the books containing the official key to the ritualistic work shall remain in the possession of the Grand Secretary and shall not be removed from his office." (Access to them may be had by the Grand Lecturer and Committee on Work; but only in the presence of the Grand Secretary.) The "Wise men from the East" are to be commended on their action.

Howard M. Emmons is chairman of the Report of Correspondence. He gives the salient points of Alberta's record and is very concise in expressing opinions.

27 Chapters. 9,371 Members. Loss, 225.

S.H.M.

MASSACHUSETTS

Quarterly Convocations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts were held at Boston in March, June, September and December, 1931. M. E. Companion Jesse E. Ames, Grand High Priest.

Alberta was not represented on any occasion.

How wonderfully exhilarating the following reads at the opening of Grand Chapter: "The entrance of the Grand Officers was proclaimed by the Grand Captain of the Host at 7:00 p.m., E. Companion Rev. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain, offering prayer, and after singing two verses of the Missionary Hymn, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form." Would dearly love to know what "Missionary Hymn" was sung and if such proceeding is customary?

The Hon. Chaunns H. Cox was introduced to the companions as "a Governor who governed Massachusetts." In what manner? The Grand High Priest gave a most illuminating address on "The American Origin of the Most Excellent Degree." He proves that the degree was not the creation of Webb (with which we most heartily agree). If not careful, this will soon develop into another Bacon-Shakespeare controversy. Nevertheless, much valuable information was imparted and every companion would greatly benefit by its perusal.

The Grand Master of Massachusetts, M. W. Brother H. W. Dean, was accorded a most cordial reception, having during his two and three-quarter years' service carried the standard of Massachusetts Masonry throughout the world. The writer is the priveleged Grand Representative of Massachusetts and is consequently deeply interested in the "official acts" of Grand Master Dean.

It is gratifying to read that the learned masons recommended that the word "inferior" be deleted from their Ritual, wherever it

applied to the "Symbolic Degrees." However did the word get there originally?

The "Paul Revere" Medal was presented to M. Wor. Brother Herbert W. Dean, Grand Master of Massachusetts. Congratulations Most Worshipful Sir; you have well earned such a coveted honour. Similar recognition was given to the Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion R. S. Sewall. Such is the "D.S.O." of Massachusetts.

The Capitular Review leaves you with the feeling of a story being well told. R. E. Companion Sewall is the Scribe. Obviously nothing escapes his eye. Under "Alberta" he replies to a question of last year, which for the time being allays further comment.

97 Chapters. 38,864 Members. Loss, 1,726.

S.H.M.

MICHIGAN

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation was held at Saginaw, May 20th, 1931. M. E. Companion M. K. McSween presiding.

Alberta was not represented.

The Grand High Priest summarizes his year's work in this manner: "To my mind there are three sides to Masonry—sort of a triangle so to speak—and if it is to be an equilateral or perfect triangle all sides must be developed to perfection. The Ritualistic side—the Social side—and the Financial side; and surrounding all these is the perfect circle of Masonic charity without end. Time or space will not permit me to go into detail regarding the three sides of this triangle, but every High Priest should take it upon his shoulders and see that all sides of the triangle are developed to the utmost. Then I believe that we will find petitioners knocking at our doors seeking admission and the number of exaltations will have a healthy growth and suspensions for N.P. dues will become increasingly less."

The Order of DeMolay, sponsored by this Grand Body, is still receiving enthusiastic support.

A very searching and inspiring address was given by Bro. T. H. Little. His vision is most refreshing: "On that night in March, 1919, when the nine young men gathered in Mr. Land's office, little did they think it was history in the making! Never did they once dream they were to become the nucleus of an Army of American, yes World, youth, that in the span of twelve years would number over a half million, in some 1,500 chapters, scattered throughout the world. DeMolay has grown to be the largest and most powerful youth movement for young men in the world today, and with the onrushing national recognition and prominence, DeMolay is destined to have an even more brilliant future than its past has been glorious."

The Annual Capitular Review was presented by Companion H. Igor. Alberta received good recognition.

166 Chapters. 44,629 Members. Loss, 2,534.

S.H.M.

MINNESOTA

The Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota was held in the City of St. Paul on October 13th, 1931. M. E. Companion J. Arthur Jensen, Grand High Priest, presided.

There were fourteen Past Grand High Priests present, among them being the Grand Representatives of Alberta, M. E. Companion F. H. McCuskey.

Distinguished visitors were in attendance from Manitoba, Utah, and the General Grand Chapter, as well as from the Grand Lodge, Grand Council and the Grand Commandery of the state of Minnesota.

Endeavors have been made to induce qualified companions to consider the question of accepting office in the Chapters to which they are attached. This is along the right lines.

The passing of M. E. Companion William P. Roberts, who was also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, is suitably remembered.

A number of Chapter By-laws have been approved, reducing the fee for exaltation to \$30.00

Two Chapters were consolidated.

We excerpt from the Grand High Priest's Address:

"On the other hand let us pay more attention to the companion who may face the question of being separated from his membership for such causes as are usually found at the root of his defection. It is often easier to hold the old members than to bring in the new, and it is just as important to our prosperity.

"Let us resolve in every Chapter to establish an active, aggressive and earnest Committee to assist in this matter of deterring the companions from withdrawing their membership for any cause, whether it be financial or otherwise. It will afford opportunity to learn of the difficulties of each member and convince him the Chapter is interested in his welfare and desires to retain his companionship. In this way we will be able to do much to build up, retain and foster a finer spiritual consciousness in the lives of the right-minded men."

This is worth much consideration.

One Minnesota Chapter has 1,391 members. (Nothing like that in Alberta.)

86 Chapters. 16,464 Members. Loss, 289.

M.M.D.

MONTANA

The Forty-second Annual Convocation was held at Billings, Montana, June 16th, 1931.

Alberta was represented by our old friend, Companion W. Craig.

The welcome to Billings was extended by M. E. Companion Allen. Such was hardly necessary, for the genuine hospitality of the companions simply exudes at every point. Having been there can speak from personal experience.

The Address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion A. J. Rowland, was just what you would expect from so expert a financier. In opening he says: "We are indeed most fortunate to have the opportunity of meeting in this beautiful metropolis of the Midland Empire, at the very door of Nature's Wonderland and in sight of the Majestic Rockies. May our meeting here in the 'Sugar City' result in many sweet and pleasant memories of this occasion." The writer carried away, not only some of the Billing's Sugar but something more durable—the memory of a most delightful week-end.

M. E. Companion Rowland visited Idaho and installed the Grand Chapter officers, which has been duly recorded in the Idaho Review. The main event of his year of office, however, was the delegation to visit the General Grand Chapter at Tacoma, and have a mutual friend and companion elected to the office of General Grand Master of the First Veil—M. E. Companion Dr. Spottswood. (Congratulations, honoured Sir. When you attain the Grand East a visit to Alberta will be highly appreciated.)

The Past Grand High Priests were duly welcomed and here comes the response by that famous old veteran, M. E. Companion Hepner: "The world is in a measure full of classes of aristocracy—that rapidly-passing-away aristocracy of birth; the aristocracy of kings and princes and nobility; then comes, unfortunately, the aristocracy of wealth, to which aristocracy so many of us are bound and ready to bend the proud knee in meekness and humility; then comes the aristocracy of position, the aristocracy where some men, through circumstances, are placed over their fellow men, and men bow down to them as though they were greater than themselves. But finally comes the aristocracy to which this half-circle of companions belong, the greatest aristocracy of the world, the aristocracy of Service. We have endeavored in our humble ways in years gone by to be worthy members of that aristocracy toward the Grand Chapter of Montana and Capitular Masonry throughout the state, and as such aristocrats we greet you all as being on a level with us in similar service."

M. E. Companion E. G. Day responded on behalf of the Montana Grand Masonic Bodies. A mason of deep erudition and aristocratic mien, one can appreciate the force of the following: "This is a very critical period for Masonry, not so much in Europe and perhaps in South America as it has been in the past, but very much more in the United States. We are united so far as our organizations are concerned. We have no conflicts with each other. We have nothing but the principles of brotherly love controlling our organizations. We are free from the influences of what might be termed vicious politics that seems to prevail among our foreign brethren, but we have problems to solve that have never been presented to Masons of the United States before, and unless you have kept track and have followed the influences that are at work in this country you perhaps cannot sense as you should the dangers that confront the Masonic fraternity. We have expended more than we should have expended in the investments in which we were dealing, and we find ourselves today in the grip of influences which interfere with the aid and assistance that we should extend to those of our own fraternity who were so unfortunate as to have gone down.

"Not only that, but we have made impossible the assistance in the development of our educational and our benevolent programs for some years to come. Many of you who are familiar with the labors of great organizations like the Shrine have taken pleasure in the great hospitalization that it has attempted in behalf of crippled children. The Shrine today is facing a very great crisis in that respect, and the

rest of the fraternity is not in a position to rush to its aid and assistance as it otherwise would do. And here and there in all jurisdictions you hear the same complaint, that we are suffering like everyone else from the depression, and there should be no depression as far as the Masonic fraternity is concerned.

"We can only hope that we renew our faith in our organization and renew our devotion to the principle for which it stands and for the work that we have undertaken, and that we may not extend our ranks. Let us bind up the broken bonds, if there are any, and strengthen our ranks by rallying more strongly in support of the institutions which make Masonry what it is in the United States."

The Correspondence Report was written by M. E. Companion Hepner. What M. E. Companion Ponton is to Canada such is Companion Hepner to America. His reviews scintillate with wisdom and humor. The axe drops where it may, but his judgments are always sound. He cannot pass Alberta, however, without asking questions. His "End of the Journey," epigrammatic in form, leaves us more than satisfied with the time spent. "We have at last reached home after our travels in Foreign Capitular Countries. The economic conditions of the world seem to have cast a shadow upon the Royal Arch and the travail of losses in lieu of gains in membership seems to continue a wailing wall of the votaries of the Capitular Rite. The cry of distress is loud and ominous. Some pessimists act as if the walls of the Temple are about to tumble, and ruin and desolation spread over the quarries and vineyards of the Holy Royal Arch. Numbers do not necessarily mean strength; nay, frequently they are a weakness; a compact few, united by the ties that bind, are stronger than the loosened cord of many."

36 Chapters. 4,641 Members. Loss, 158.

S.H.M.

NEBRASKA

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was held in the City of Omaha on December 2nd, 1931. M. E. Companion Emmett I. Ellis, Grand High Priest presided.

W. Companion Hayes Gsantner, Alberta's Representative, and seventeen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

We congratulate M. E. Companion Lewis E. Smith, the Grand Secretary, on the prompt issue of the Proceedings. Our copy reached us on January 6th, 1932.

Nebraska was fortunate in having as Distinguished Visitors M. E. Companion Perry W. Weidner, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States; M. E. Companion John W. Neilson, Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, and M. Ill. Companion Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Master of General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. There were also visitors from Iowa, Missouri, Colorado and Kansas.

Representatives were exchanged between Queensland and Nebraska.

The accommodation at the Masonic Home is inadequate; in a short time steps will have to be taken to increase the accommodation.

Nebraska suffered the loss by death of M. E. Companion Lucius D. Richards, Past Grand High Priest.

Chapter 105, Sec. 2-4 was amended to read:

"It shall be the duty of each High Priest to know that all members of his Chapter are in good standing in some Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, working under a Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. This shall be certified to by the High Priest and Secretary in the annual returns made to the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Secretary shall provide a place in the annual returns for such statement."

Chapter 107, Sec. 8 was amended to read:

"A Chapter has exclusive territorial jurisdiction half way in an air line to each surrounding Chapter."

M. E. Companion George N. R. Growne is the correspondent. He gives a page to a courteous review of Alberta's 1930 Proceedings.

56 Chapters. 7,973 Members. Loss, 145.

M.M.D.

NEW BRUNSWICK

The Forty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Brunswick was held in the City of Moncton on June 26th, 1930. M. E. Companion Albert E. Pearson, Grand High Priest presided.

We missed the name of Alberta's Grand Representative in the Credential Committee's Report.

We note the passing of M. E. Companion Farris S. Sawaya, the Immediate Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, and also the head of the St. John Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.

The Grand High Priest recommended the change in the ritual bringing New Brunswick in line with the remainder of Canada so far as the names of the three Principal Officers and the conferring of the degrees are concerned. The Committee to whom this matter was referred recommended delay until the exemplification of the ritual could be witnessed.

Fraternal recognition was extended to Queensland and it was recommended that an exchange of Representatives be approved of.

A charter was granted to Walton Chapter at Salisbury.

The designation of the District Officers are Grand Superintendents, the same as in Alberta.

It is interesting to review New Brunswick. The seal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta is the same as theirs. We copied New Brunswick in many things when Alberta was formed in 1914.

10 Chapters. 1,597 Members. Increase, 3.

M.M.D.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire was held in the City of Concord on May 19th, 1931. M. E. Companion John M. Kendall, Grand High Priest presided.

The Representative of Alberta was absent.

Distinguished visitors were present from Massachusetts, New York, Vermont, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The Constituent Chapters are grouped for inspection and the work divided among the four principal officers of Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest, in addition to his own State, found time to visit Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, Maine, and the General Grand Chapter. He also visited the Grand Council of Massachusetts, Royal and Select Masters.

Dispensations issued and By-Laws approved were along ordinary lines.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Queensland and exchange of Representatives recommended.

The retiring Grand High Priest was presented with a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel.

We note the New Hampshire Grand Chapter still holds its meeting according to the moon schedule.

The Order of High Priesthood held a session at the close of Grand Chapter.

26 Chapters. 5,393 Members. Loss, 210.

M.M.D.

NEW JERSEY

The Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey was held in the Masonic Temple, City of Nan-
ton, on May 13th, 1931. M. E. Companion Robert McCormick, Grand High Priest presided.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests were present.

We note the attendance of R. E. Companion William H. Pike, Alberta's Grand Representative.

There were distinguished visitors from Quebec, Delaware, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. The Royal and Select Masters were represented by M. Ill. Companion Howard L. Carter, Grand Master of New Jersey; the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., by M. W. Bro. W. Stanley Naughtright; the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite by Ill. Brother Frank C. Sayrs; the General Grand Chapter by M. E. Companion Wilbur A. Scott. The reception of these visitors by M. E. Companion Robert McCormick must have been a masterpiece.

The Grand High Priest's Address covers seventeen pages. It was found that during the reading of this address there were present companions who had taken part in the Fiftieth Anniversary.

A number of Dispensations were issued during the year. Two of them are worthy of note. (No doubt they would have been refused in Alberta.) They are:

(1) "Dispensation was issued to receive petitions of two distinguished Brothers, act upon and, if elected, confer all Degrees at one time."

This looks like making Royal Arch Masons at sight.

(2) "Dispensation issued to wear Royal Arch Clothing at funeral." This is a Craft function, as we see it.

An application was made by a Constituent Chapter to provide for two exaltation fees, one for initiates in a Lodge and one for affiliates. This was refused, and rightly so.

The Grand High Priest, in addition to his many visits, found time to go to Vermont, Massachusetts, Delaware, New York and Rhode Island, and was in attendance at the General Grand Chapter held at Tacoma, Wash.

It was reported that the George Washington Memorial will cost \$4,552,000, of which \$1,340,000 is still to be collected.

Recommendation was made to standardize the aprons, which will tend to make them more uniform in this Grand Jurisdiction. It was also decided to adopt as an emblem an equilateral triangle, surrounded by a circle, with the triple tau in the centre.

A Grand High Priest's apron as well as a jewel was presented to M. E. Companion McCormick.

The New Jersey Proceedings contain a History of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey; also a History of the Order of High Priesthood.

R. E. Companion A. Boylan Fitzgerald is chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee. He gives a three-page review to Alberta.

M. E. Companion George W. Kite was elected Grand High Priest.

58 Chapters. 19,651 Members. Loss, 501.

M. M. D.

NEW SOUTH WALES

This Supreme Grand Chapter was formed in 1889. Quarterly Convocations are regularly held and the Annual is held at the close of each year. From the copy of Proceedings under review we learn that Grand Chapter was convened for four regular meetings and one special. Alberta was not represented on any occasion.

The old question, New South Wales versus Scotland, was again up for discussion, and the Grand Z., M. E. Companion Chandler, gave a detailed history of their origin and what he considers their rights.

At the Quarterly Meeting held on November 12th, 1930, the Grand Z. described in eloquent terms the meaning of the Royal Arch Jewel. His knowledge of Latin far transcends the average and the definitions given will be of lasting value to the companions.

The Foreign Review is an outstanding addition to an otherwise very routine copy of Proceedings. The reviewer (whoever he may be) has his finger on the weaknesses so loudly advertised; he is quick and decisive in utterance, logical in argument, and charitable in his judgments. No mean accomplishment! All Hail to the Southern Seas!

76 Chapters. 3,725 Members. Loss, 106.

S.H.M.

NORTH CAROLINA

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina was held in the City of Asheville, North Carolina, Tuesday, May 12th, 1931. M. E. Companion C. S. Chamberlain, Grand High Priest.

Eight Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. The presence of such leaders tends to produce a sense of stability in the gathering. The "Allied Bodies" were represented by various deputies. It appears that the strains of "The Holy City" were needed to acquire the necessary atmosphere for the conduct of the proceedings.

Alberta was again in evidence by the presence of Companion Edward J. Allen. He is fast establishing a record for regularity. Would that others followed the example. To be an accredited ambassador of any jurisdiction surely implies attendance at the annual official gatherings:

North Carolina and the name of Edward J. Allen are more or less synonymous. One cannot think of the one without the association of the other. This, at least, was the impression the writer gathered from Jas. A. Ovas, of Winnipeg, when discussing with him the voluminous reports from the pen of this versatile reviewer. The actual Proceedings of the Grand Chapter are merely incidental to the volume received, compared with the "Findings" in the review.

The Grand High Priest, is a leader of no mean order. In the course of his address he states: "The condition of Capitular Masonry in North Carolina is good. It has not been my purpose to try to show any increase in membership in the subordinate Chapters, but to show an increase of activity and interest. This has been accomplished. Much of the inactivity of Chapters is due entirely to the apathy and indifference of the High Priests of the respective Chapters. I have insisted upon the Chapters not to elect a companion to office on account of his popularity, but upon his knowledge and interest in Capitular Masonry." Insist upon this, M. E. Sir, and great things will be accomplished.

Our endorsement is further expressed when he writes, under "Visitations": "I shall not take up your time by going into detail in the account of my visitations. I have made seventy-two personal visits to the Chapters this year. In a great many cases it was conference with the officers and a better understanding of their local conditions." The utter wast of time and material by some Grand High Priests in recording their personal visits, writing in detail about the excellence of a banquet, honour received and cordiality expressed, and a dozen more inane comments, is simply appalling. Surely the companions elected to these important positions should be skilled in recognizing

the substance from the shadow, especially when greater issues await presentation.

The Grand High Priest recommended that the District Deputy Grand High Priest "Be invested with some insignia, as a jewel or apron, when attending Convocations." This is in accord with the accepted movement. All British bodies long ago recognized the value of "insignia," and now America, judging from the comments of Masonic leaders, is gradually adopting similar views.

Some thirty-five jurisdictions were reviewed by J. Edward Allen. One approaches this volume with awe and reverence. Awe, because of the immense vision the reviewer presents, and reverence, owing to the reverend manner in which he weaves fine thoughts and inspirations. From California to Virginia, Alberta to Nova Scotia, his unerring eye always catches what most other reviewers miss.

Under California he comments: Give us a High Priest of the right calibre, ability, energy, determination, tact and resourcefulness, and we guarantee to rebuild any run-down Chapter this side of a Capitular grave; to pull any sleepy Chapter out of its state of somnolence; to put organization in the place of chaos; to check suspensions and to increase exaltations. But, given a sleepy, dumb, tactless, pinheaded High Priest, who was elected just to get rid of him, and we warrant a year of retrogression which can be remembered in a Chapter for a full generation. The Chapter is what the High Priest can and does make it. Moreover, the Grand High Priest can do the same things for his Grand Chapter." (For some years past the writer has been preaching this doctrine both in and out of season.)

He carefully dissects "Alberta" into five component parts; but, nevertheless, diffuses a certain knowledge of our judicial powers, with which even some of the Alberta companions are not cognizant. His conclusion leaves the soul aflame with noble piety. In commenting on the deportment of a mason, he states: "In the teachings of Masonry—his whole philosophy of life: in friendships of Masonry—companionship ship craved: a man among men." What more could be asked?

91 Chapters. 7,426 Members. Loss, 526:

S.H.M.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Forty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota was held at Fargo on January 27th and 28th, 1931.

Our Grand Representative, E. Companion Walter R. Reed, was present to answer for Alberta. He was welcomed as Inspector General of the Scottish Rite for North Dakota.

Distinguished visitors included M. E. Companion John W. Neilson General Grand High Priest; Past Grand High Priests Geo. A. Pettigrew and E. Crockett, and Grand High Priest E. W. Clarke, all of South Dakota; M. E. Companion Geo. F. Burgess of Saskatchewan; Ex. Companion Russell D. Miller, Grand Scribe of Montana, and their own M. E. Companion Walter L. Stockwell, who is the General Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters.

The Past Grand High Priests of North Dakota were conducted to the Altar and welcomed. Included among the eleven were Grand Lecturer Walter H. Murfin, E. Geo. Guthrie, Foreign Correspondent, and Adolph W. Christianson, who is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

The Address of Grand High Priest William Hall dealt mainly with his official acts and visitations. He attended the Grand Chapter Convocations of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and of General Grand Chapter at Tacoma.

Casseltown Chapter, No. 2, one of the oldest in the State, and one which had produced many noted men and Masons, decided to amalgamate with Keystone Chapter at Fargo.

Finances were reported to be in fair condition.

The Report of Grand Lecturer Murfin shows that he was keen in performing his work, and served where he was most needed.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland was given fraternal relationship.

This Grand Chapter is proud of its Educational Foundation Fund, and the annual report gave great satisfaction. It is evident that the loans to many students are proving to be worth while and are much appreciated.

Two of the six District Deputies appear to have given poor service, and they made no reports. Why, we wonder, do such companions accept these responsible positions?

M. E. Companions Neilson and Burgess spoke at some length, the former stating that: "We must be Masons in fact rather than in name, and manifest a real vital interest in what Masonry stands for. Royal Arch Masonry is really the capstone of Ancient Craft Masonry. Dr. Kuhn says it is not a higher degree but the last volume."

North Dakota has lost M. E. Companion Peter Picton, who was Grand High Priest in 1886-7. He passed to his reward a few days after celebrating his one hundredth birthday. He was presented at General Grand Chapter at Tacoma. He was the second Grand High Priest of Dakota Territory, and was a 33rd Degree Mason of the Scottish Rite.

In his speech, R. E. Companion Miller, of Montana, said: "We, now, are witnessing a wave of crime, of lawlessness, and the growth of Communism. These are the antithesis of progress. The solution is—Better Christianity, more faith in God, better men and better Masons."

A motion to have annual dues payable in advance and, if not paid by Nov. 14th, the companion to become delinquent, was laid over for one year.

North Dakota have a "Circle of Elders." M. E. Companion Guthrie, the Regent, says that if we do not know what this is, we must ask Fred Selwood as he was made an Elder when he visited North Dakota.

M. E. Companion Guthrie writes a commendable Foreign Review. Alberta 1930 was pleasingly covered. He notes that "Fred English, our Grand Representative, was not present, but we suppose his Custom duties prevented, or was it the Shrine?"

I conclude with one of his quotations from Missouri 1930—

“Life is a story in volumes three,
The Past, the Present and yet to be;
The First—we’ve written and laid away,
The Second—we’re reading day by day,
The Third—and last of volumes three—
Is locked from sight—God keeps the key.”

25 Chapters. 3,675 Members. Loss, 179;

E.G.I.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia was held at Halifax, June 9th, 1931. M. E. Companion L. M. MacKinnon, Grand High Priest.

Nova Scotia (with jurisdiction over the Province of Prince Edward Island and the Dominion of Newfoundland) is something like the sailor who covered a lot of territory.

Alberta was not represented.

What a placid, serene, undulating picture the Grand High Priest paints with his opening remarks: “Not a single dispute of any consequence mars that harmony and peace which make our Institution so strong. The wisdom of those who preceded me is responsible for much of the goodwill that obtains—the spirit of true companionship which is to be found throughout the Jurisdiction. It is always a pleasure to meet you and greet you. In this Jurisdiction we occupy perhaps the most unique position in the Masonic world. The Provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and the ancient Dominion of Newfoundland, united in one Jurisdiction, enables us to enjoy Masonic intercourse that would not otherwise be available. And, regardless of our geographical position, we form a union far better than any political union that could be arranged. We have had Grand High Priests from different sections of the Jurisdiction; the Grand Master of Nova Scotia for 1928-29 was a native son of Prince Edward Island; the last Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, who passed away during his term of office, was, I believe, a native of Nova Scotia—and the three sections of the Jurisdiction, working together in perfect harmony, form a complete Maritime Jurisdiction, of which we are all proud to form a part.”

The “Board of Ritual” seems to have arrived at a deadlock. They admit that “Grips, signs, words, etc., are given in a variety of ways” and “That much of our Ritual might be optional or deleted.”

At this distance a revision of both the Nova Scotia Ritual and the Titles of Grand Officers would appear to be advisable. The new Ritual adopted several years ago by the Grand Chapter of Canada and subsequently accepted by almost every Grand Chapter in the Dominion is a work of great Masonic value. All are desiring uniformity and if only Nova Scotia would fall in line and not be out of step with the other Grand Chapters great things could easily be accomplished. The reviewer gives a paragraph of history which is very interesting and states: “In 1784 the titles we are now using appear in our historic

documents. Would that be an incentive to throw them aside?" Why not? A worn-out garment is of no value. Likewise titles which have no implication to the specific duties involved.

21 Chapters. 2,473 Members. Loss, 85.

S.H.M.

OHIO

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio was held in the city of Lima, September 30th, 1931. Distinguished visitors came from near and far, and their words of greeting were highly superlative.

Alberta was represented by Companion Irving Stafford: Greetings to you, worthy Sir.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion G. E. Everett, renders a detailed report of his stewardship in a clear and comprehensive manner. He travelled widely throughout his own jurisdiction, but failed to make connections with any "Foreigners," Such was a mutual loss. He says the losses sustained in membership are due to "Economic and industrial conditions." (Alberta proves a close second.) The account of his visitations is delightful in the extreme. One can visualise these intimate scenes: "I attended the Annual Ladies' Night at Spenceville. A splendid dinner was served." "Was accorded all honours due the presiding officer." "The Inspection was preceded by a splendid dinner—the attendance was large." "The ritualistic work was done in a beautiful manner. The Chapter was favoured by the presence of many guests." "The program was preceded by an elaborate banquet. There were many distinguished visitors and guests present." "An excellent dinner was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. All officers and companions displayed a very deep interest." (Naturally!) "P.H.P. N. Bender presented your G.H.P. with a very beautiful electric clock. The meeting was one of outstanding interest, and a real success." (How could it be otherwise?)

How businesslike the following recommended precept sounds from the Grand High Priest: "Suspend delinquents and take prompt action against the unworthy." His "Conclusion" is one of the best under review. He quotes Shakespeare with telling inference and the terse epigrams abound with wisdom. Here are a few to pass the time—"Indifference is probably the greatest problem of Masonry"; "Human progress has undergone limitless changes"; "The World War has taught us for all time that no man or nation lives for self"; "We must learn that Masonry is an individual matter."

Each session appears to be opened with prayer, which is just as it should be, especially as the presiding officer is a "High Priest."

There was a real feast of oratory from the many visitors. Why is it that so many eloquent phrases are reserved for a Masonic function?

The Committee on "Grievances" have none to make and are happy "on this pleasant condition."

Depression must be unknown in Ohio, for a sum of fifteen thousand dollars is recommended to be transferred to the permanent Fund (when available).

Four copies of the Ritual are allowed each subordinate Chapter. A penalty is imposed if a Ritual is lost. Other Jurisdictions might well follow suit.

The Capitular Review is from the pen of Past Grand High Priest Sperling. His comments are wise, sagacious and charitable, yet withal truly Masonic. He treats Alberta with much consideration.

209 Chapters. 76,175 Members. Loss, 2,383.

S.H.M.

PENNSYLVANIA

Quarterly Convocations of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania were held at Philadelphia in March, June, September and December. A Special Communication was held in October and the Annual Convocation was convened on December 28th, 1931.

Alberta was not represented on any occasion.

M. E. Companion Thomas W. McKee has had an exceedingly busy year. It must have given him much pride and pleasure, however, in presiding over the Special Communication last October, when "the ends of the earth" were represented. It is regrettable, nevertheless, that neither "Greenland's icy mountains" nor "India's coral strands" delegates were present. Probably at the Three Hundredth Anniversary space will have become so annihilated that both will be sequestered under their own familiar "Fig trees."

For this Special Communication the guests who had attended the Two Hundredth Anniversary of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania in connection with the Grand Lodge remained in the city somewhat longer to attend.

They were presented with an unusual spectacle. Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of conferring the Capitular Degrees on four brethren at sight. In due order these four brethren were made Mark Master Masons; were received and accepted Most Excellent Master Masons and then subsequently Exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Mason. A very interesting side-light of Masonry is here exhibited, in that one of the "Four" thus exalted was Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States of America. Old friends such as Milloy and Stockwell of North Dakota and Tate of Saskatchewan along with the "Purple of England" rose nobly to the occasion in the expression of felicitation.

Eighty-eight pages are used to chronicle the events of Grand Chapter and one hundred and forty-one pages to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.—Most magnanimous. Alberta is diagnosed by Past Grand High Priest John M. Love, who obviously knows Masonry, but is rather inclined to retain his conservative traditions when anything new looms on the horizon. Commenting upon the opinion expressed by one reviewer, he remarks: "Our Grand Chapter dating back to 1795 has been a growth and there are things which a younger Grand Chapter might think we ought to do differently—but we don't."

In the review of 1931 he takes M. M. Downey to task, which to us is very refreshing. He then concludes: "Like many others he

(Downey) does not agree with the prerogative of the M. E. Grand High Priest to make a Royal Arch Mason at sight. Well, we do, and there it rests." May you long continue to utter such concise wisdom.

153 Chapters. 60,758 Members. Loss, 817.

S.H.M.

QUEBEC

The Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec was held at Montreal, March 25th, 1931.

The Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion F. N. Knowlton, was accompanied by five Past Grand First Principals.

Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion M. H. Edwards.

The scope of the Grand First Principal's address is wider than the average. He reports an increase in membership and denounces the "Amusement Craze," and generally approves the new Ritual. His visitations range from Dan to Beersheba.

The Past Grand Chapter officers attended church in a body. Most commendable! Some Jurisdictions have passed negative legislation in this respect.

For the general well-being of the Craft the Grand First Principal suggests three essential conditions—

- (1) "Maintain the dignity of our institutions.
- (2) "Strive for perfection in Ritualistic Work.
- (3) "Improve the financial and numerical condition of our Order."

Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Ontario, New York and Nova Scotia were represented in person by many Capitular leaders.

The Foreign Correspondence was written by M. E. Companion Edwards, who has acquired an easy facility to glean the gems of wisdom and literature from the various Proceedings reviewed.

25 Chapters. 3,837 Members. Increase, 3.

S.H.M.

QUEENSLAND

The Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland was held in the City of Brisbane on October 7th, 1931. M. E. Companion R. N. F. Quinn, on account of illness, was not present, and the M. E. Deputy First Grand Principal presided.

The Deputy First Grand Principal said, in part:

"I again advise our Chapters to continue the exercise of thoughtful care in the selection of candidates—accept only such as are really Masons at heart, and when you have found such, make every effort to hold them—do not disappoint them in any particular; in your ceremonies give them a polished and impressive rendition of the ritual, make even greater effort to hold them, show them respect and cordial brotherly

interest, and in fact bind them so close to you and the Order that they will ever feel it a privilege to be members of your Chapters.

"Companions, do not fail to realize that it is much more important to retain a member than it is to secure a new one. Ours is a wonderful heritage: let us cherish it as we realize and appreciate its past history, its associations, and traditions, and in its urge to show forth its truth in our lives."

We also excerpt from the address:

"The Festive Board affords us the opportunity of meeting and conversing with friends whom we see little or nothing of between meetings, of hearing items of interest from those who respond to the 'Visitors' Toast'—especially those from other countries—and of enjoying items of musical and elocutionary excellence—and then there is the ever-present, but intangible and indefinable 'Mystic Tie.' Many times I have experienced more genuine pleasure at a Chapter Festive Board than at a high-class public concert."

Queensland holds control of the Cryptic Degrees, and we note the forming of Red Cross and Cryptic Councils. We presume this is the Red Cross of Babylon.

M. E. Companion R. N. F. Quinn was re-elected Grand First Principal.

M.M.D.

SCOTLAND

Quarterly Convocations of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland were held regularly in the Royal Arch Masons' Hall, Edinburgh. M. E. Companion The R. Hon. the Earl of Cassillis, Grand First Principal.

"The Grand First Principal referred to the handsome presentation of a keystone made to Supreme Grand Chapter at the meeting at Galashiels on 21st May (on the occasion of the Installation of M. E. Companion, J. G. Carter as Grand Superintendent of the Border Province), by R. E. Companion Bernard Cairns, Past Grand Scribe N. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, on behalf of that Grand Chapter. The Keystone was passed round for inspection, and heartily appreciated by the members."

"His Lordship informed the members that a telegram had been sent to Mr. and Mrs. Cairns wishing them a happy and successful voyage and that the following reply had been received: 'The Earl of Cassillis. —Many thanks for your kind remembrance and the many courtesies received from yourself and the members of Supreme Grand Chapter. Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you in Toronto on some future date.—B. Cairns'."

It was decided to grant a charter for a Lodge and Council to be attached to Chapter "Thistle," Cape Province, South Africa. Similar recognition was granted for a Chapter to be called "Iona" to be held at Dar-es-Salaam, East Africa, one at Sydney, N.S.W., and another at Lagos, Nigeria.

Reports were received from the Grand Superintendents:

Two new Chapters were dedicated, one at Roundebosch, Cape Town, and another (the "Light of Africa") at Kampala, Uganda.

We note with keen gratification that His Lordship the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal has recovered from his recent illness and is presiding at the Quarterly Convocations.

As the honoured representative from this Grand Chapter to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, we follow all their activities with deep interest.

S.H.M.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina was held in the City of Columbia on April 22nd, 1931. M. E. Companion R. T. Goodale, Grand High Priest, presided.

Seven Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion W. A. Giles.

Distinguished visitors were present from North Carolina and the General Grand Chapter.

Among those who were called to their reward was M. E. Companion Richard C. Watts, Past Senior Grand High Priest. We sincerely regret the passing of those companions whose endeavors have made our Grand Chapters possible.

The Grand High Priest made a fraternal visit to the Grand Chapter of North Carolina and also attended the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Queensland was recognized, and exchange of Representatives recommended.

From a matter that came before the Committee on Fraternal Relations we learn there is an agitation among the members of the Grand Encampment of the United States Knights Templar to eliminate the Royal Arch Degree as a prerequisite for membership in the Temple. This might be a blessing in disguise, although we think the agitation would not get far in Canada.

M. E. Companion W. W. Edgerton was elected Grand High Priest.

At the close of the Grand Chapter, the Order of the High Priests held a session.

E. Companion George T. Harmon writes the Review. He gives two pages to Alberta.

38 Chapters: 4,526 Members. Loss, 472.

M M.D.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Forty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota was held at Yankton on June 11th, 1931. M. E. Companion Eldon W. Clark, Grand High Priest, presided:

Alberta's Grand Representative was absent.

Distinguished visitors were present from Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, and the General Grand Chapter. Also the Grand Lodge, Royal and Select Masters, and the Scottish Rite of South Dakota.

The Great Reaper summoned one Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Cyrus B. Warne, and a Past Grand Chaplain, R. E. Companion Edward Ashley.

Section 26 of the Constitution permits applications to be received from Craft Masons in South Dakota by neighboring Grand Chapters when a constituent Chapter in that Grand Jurisdiction is nearer to the residence of the applicant than the Chapter in South Dakota, provided that a similar regulation has been adopted by the neighboring Grand Body. This appears to be fair enough.

No decisions were rendered and the Dispensations granted accorded with usual routine. No important question was raised.

The Grand Secretary raised the point of changing the meeting nights of constituent Chapters to make it more convenient for the visits of the Grand High Priests. This was solved by the suggestion of Emergent Convocations for that purpose.

Grand Chapter By-law was amended to read:

"For annual dues of each companion, a member of a chartered Chapter on the last day of March each year, one dollar, provided that no Chapter shall be charged with dues to the Grand Chapter for any member whose dues shall have been remitted on account of inability to pay."

This is playing fair with the constituent Chapter.

The Committee on Resolutions reports, in part:

"That we contemplate with some concern the continued depression in Capitular Masonry, and while we may confidently expect reaction and revival, yet we must recognize the change that is manifest in social, economic and fraternal relations.

"We recommend to this Grand Chapter careful consideration of the question of joining the other York Rite Bodies in a more general participation in Masonic Festivals in the belief that proper organization and preparation for such events will stimulate interest and attendance and redound to the benefit of all concerned."

All the distinguished visitors were elected to Honorary Membership.

M. E. Companion Robert S. Hart was elected Grand High Priest and he appointed a committee to consider what should be done to assist in the cause of combatting the White Plague.

40 Chapters. 5,441 Members. Loss, 183.

M. M. D:

TEXAS

The Eighty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas was held in the City of Waco on November 31st, 1931. M. E. Companion E. C. Couch, Grand High Priest, presided.

We missed the name of Companion Stark from among those present.

The Proceedings were printed by the students of the Masonic Home and School.

The address of the Grand High Priest covers twenty-six pages. He issued dispensation for a new Chapter, and in two cases succeeded in merging two Chapters into one. This is good business.

The Grand High Priest gave the following interesting rulings:

(1) The property of a Chapter defunct belongs to the Grand Chapter.

(2) A Chapter may assist a Craft Lodge which is in need.

(3) A majority of the members of a committee are qualified to act as the committee.

We excerpt the following from the Grand High Priest's address:

"With exceptional cases there seems to have prevailed throughout the entire Grand Jurisdiction a sort of dormancy, or apparent indifference. And while this has been true in a rather strong way, yet I feel that it should offer no discouragement due to the unusual conditions that have prevailed. Two things resulted, as follows: First, many who would have become applicants for degrees could not because of lack of funds. Naturally there was a dropping off of activities and with it a waning of enthusiasm and efficiency in the work. Second, many who were members, through reduction of profits or salaries, found it difficult to maintain their membership, or even to maintain their families, thus diverting their thought and action along other lines. Hence the dormancy condition above referred to. But in view of the general situation, I feel that our Chapters have maintained a fairly healthy condition, and should be encouraged in every way possible."

This appears to be a fair statement.

The minimum fee for exaltation was reduced to \$35.00, of which Grand Chapter gets \$20.00.

Grand Secretary's salary was reduced by \$500.00.

Texas maintains its own Masonic Home. We read that this home has total assets of \$1,093,171.45, so that Benevolence is in first class condition.

From the Grand Orator's address we quote:

"I speak a second word, and I think a vital word: We must vindicate our philosophy and our doctrines by the discipline of our Order. I speak plainly tonight. If Masonry pays its debt to an earth such as we face, we must be more careful about the kind of men who wear our garments and the kind of men who put on their fingers the signet ring of our Order, and who put on the clothing of our noble Craft. We, too, must be careful, lest those remain inside the Order whose lives, whose conduct, whose word of mouth shall prove that which is destructive to our Order rather than propagate the great divine principles of our Order."

The following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That any Past High Priest, or any High Priest during his term of office, who is suspended for proven un-Masonic conduct during his term of office, thereby loses all rights as Past High Priest

and can only regain them by later being elected and installed a High Priest."

M. E. Companion Helm gives Alberta a very liberal review.

285 Chapters. 39,299 Members. Loss, 1,911.

M. M. D.

UTAH

The Twentieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah was held at Provo on May 11th, 1931.

The Distinguished Visitors were the high officers of each of the Grand Bodies of Utah organizations that seem to work together fraternally and harmoniously.

The Address of Grand High Priest, William W. Rager was short and business-like, of interest chiefly to his own companions. He visited all the eight Chapters, on which occasions the social side of the Order was in evidence as no degrees were exemplified.

Although recommendations were far-reaching, most of them were approved and ratified. Here are some:

(1) That the Annual Convocation be held on the second Monday of June.—Approved.

(2) That the per capita tax be reduced from 60 cents to 40 cents per member.—Approved.

(3) "The present By-Laws of Grand Chapter provide that in the absence of any specific provision in the By-Laws as to any method of procedure, the code of the Grand Lodge shall govern."—This was repealed. New laws, when the occasion arises, will be made. With us, if a case is not covered by our Constitution, Grand Lodge procedure rules, and we fail to see wherein this can be wrong. The Grand High Priest argued: "That too many provisions, and a strict enforcement thereof, tends to restrain the officers from using their own judgment and destroys initiative." (With which we cannot agree.)

(4) "On occasions where degree work is to be done the meeting should be opened in the shortest possible manner." One M. E. Companion, in support of this, stated that the full opening "kept the candidates and any companions who arrived a few minutes late, waiting." The Jurisprudence Committee did not favor this change and it was not adopted. Many of our Alberta companions would consider the business transacted illegal if the Chapter was not opened in regular form.

(5) That the Royal Arch picture film "From Babylon to Jerusalem" be used in conferring the Royal Arch Degree—The Grand Lecturer was strongly in favor of this and Grand Chapter adopted it.

(6) That the several degrees shall not be conferred for a less sum than \$50.00, one half of which is to accompany the petition and the other half to be paid before the Royal Arch Degree is conferred.

Grand Lecturer M. E. Companion Colonel Lewis stated that interest in Capitular Masonry was constantly growing.

Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion J. M. Dunlop is also the Grand Reviewer. He gives Alberta a pleasing review for 1930.

8 Chapters. 1,266 Members. Loss, 34.

E.G.I.

VERMONT

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Convocation of the Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont was held at Burlington on June 9th, 1931.

M. E. Companion H. H. Shufelt did not answer as our Grand Representative at roll call.

Distinguished visitors were present from Maine, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, and, in addition to these, M. E. Companion Frank W. Knowlton, Grand First Principi, and R. E. Companion W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E., of Quebec.

Twenty-eight Chapters had a representation of 121 companions.

In opening his Address, Grand High Priest Cady L. Earle refers to pleasant memories of his year of office in these words: "Memory is given us that we might have roses in December." In speaking of departed companions he quotes: "Those who love God never meet for the last time."

One of his decisions was: "In case a brother moves out of the State after his election, but before receiving the Mark Master Degree, the Chapter petitioned shall retain jurisdiction over him for one year from the date of such election. His fee will be forfeited, except in case it was the fault of the Chapter that the Degree was not conferred."—Grand Chapter approved. (To make a brother pay for something he never received is rather strange.)

Quite rightly, we think, he did not grant dispensations to several Chapters to receive and act on petitions the same night.

Besides visiting many of his Chapters, he attended the Grand Chapter Convocations in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Delaware, New York, Rhode Island, Quebec, Maine, Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire and the General Grand Chapter at Tacoma, Wash.

He says a Chapter meeting should be "the place where a companion meets his very dearest friends."

His recommendations, and the action taken thereon were:

- (1) Reduce and re-arrange the Districts.—Approved;
- (2) Revise the Ritual and floor-work.—Committee appointed to do so.
- (3) That 1,000 copies of Past General Grand High Priest Kuhn's booklet "The Necessity of the Royal Arch to the Master Mason" be purchased and distributed.—Approved.

(4) That the Grand Lecturer be paid, to partially compensate him.—Grand Chapter voted \$50.00 a year.

(5) That a Chapter may confer any Degree, except the Royal Arch, in the Lodge room of any Masonic Lodge within its jurisdiction without a Dispensation from the Grand High Priest.—Approved. (This may be all right in Vermont, but we think the Grand High Priest should keep control of such meetings and know what his Chapters are doing, even if no fee were charged for the Dispensation.)

The Grand Lecturer, Leon I. Patten, whose work and devotion to duty were highly approved by the Grand High Priest, reported that the eight District meetings were fairly well attended and all Chapters in a "very healthy and encouraging condition." There was confusion and lack of uniformity in the floor-work, owing to the very incomplete book now in use. (No doubt this will be remedied when the floor-work is revised.)

Each of the past six years has shown a deficit in Grand Chapter's finances, so the Finance Committee recommended that the per capita tax be raised from 50c to 60c a year. However, Grand Chapter passed a motion that the 10c increase be assessed only so long as the Grand Secretary Emeritus lives.

Each of the eight District Deputy Grand High Priests gives a Report, and, with one exception, pronounce conditions good.

E. Companion A. S. Harriman, Grand Reviewer, in his Foreword, notes that while many of the Grand Chapters of the United States show losses in membership those in Canada and the British Dominions show increases. The movies, the radio, the automobile and Service Clubs are blamed for this, although Canada has all these. He thinks that wrong entertainment in Chapters may be a reason. Dry lectures or long addresses are not welcomed. No address should last for more than half an hour. Chapters engaged in Masonic charity have a common cause which interests and holds together the companions.

Under "Michigan" he quotes "the loss of faith in our Chapters and its work and influence in the community is more serious than the mere loss of members. We dare not lose faith."

He gives Alberta a generous Report, covering the years 1929 and 1930.

30 Chapters. 5,811 Members. Loss, 59.

E.G.I.

WASHINGTON

The Forty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington was held in the City of Walla Walla on May 11th, 1931. M. E. Companion Fred Matthies, Grand High Priest presided.

Alberta was represented by E. Companion Alex Frazier.

There were fourteen Past Grand High Priests present to assist in the deliberations—a good showing.

Rev. Companion Stanley T. Boggess welcomed the visitors to the Convention City and the only place of interest he stressed was the

penitentiary. The Proceedings do not state how many became permanent residents of Walla Walla.

Among those who have answered the call to Come up Higher were two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companions John C. Minty and Peter Pickton. Suitable memorials were presented.

March 25th was memorable during the term of M. E. Companion Matthies. On this date he paid an official visit to Walla Walla Chapter when distinguished visitors were in attendance from Oregon and Idaho. At this Convocation R. E. Companion William C. Gilmore was installed as Grand Chaplain, three Presiding Grand High Priests being present.

All the constituent Chapters of the Grand Jurisdiction were officially visited by the presiding officer.

The outstanding event in 1930, especially in the State of Washington, was the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. A special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Washington was convened for the purpose of receiving the Grand Officers of the General Grand Body.

The Grand High Priest sent out the following Christmas message:

"To All Royal Arch Masons: As we draw near Christmas time, we are reminded of the Saviour of mankind, going quietly about, doing good. Those who emulate His benevolent disposition are the 'Salt of the earth.'

"Jesus was the expounder of the law of love. He blessed the poor in spirit, they that mourn, and the meek. He poured the oil of consolation and peace upon every crushed and bleeding heart. He shared their sorrows, their sympathies, and their afflictions.

"We who practise the pure and exalting principles of morality taught by our Saviour, find it fitting and appropriate, at this season of the year, to disregard all sect and creed, and exemplify in spirit and truth His ennobling teachings, the brotherhood of man.

"And may we scatter broadcast the blessings of His Kingdom, by our words of kindness, our deeds of love and acts of charity."

The Grand High Priest gave the following decisions:

(1) To move a Chapter from one town to another requires due notice and a majority vote of the members of said Chapter, followed by the consent of the Grand Chapter.

(2) Permission was given to a Washington Chapter to confer the M. E. M. Degree in British Columbia provided the candidate did not come from Washington.

(3) A Chapter member is not in good standing when his Lodge demit is a year old.

(4) A Brother has the Past Master and Mark Master Degrees from Louisiana but is now a resident of Washington. Louisiana claims that Grand Body has no jurisdiction over the Brother and refuses to request the M. E. M. and R. A. Degrees be conferred. Washington meets the situation by conferring the degrees and making the Brother a member of the Chapter which did the work. The Grand High Priest met a complicated situation properly. We think Louisiana was wrong.

The Grand Chapter of Washington is to be commended for the success of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

In the Review, Alberta receives a page of very courteous comments.

53 Chapters. 9,005 Members. Loss, 217:

M.M.D.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Sixty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held in the City of Fairmont on October 5th, 1931. M. E. Companion Carney M. Layne, Grand High Priest, presided.

M. E. Companion Lawrence G. Kincheloe, Alberta's representative, was present.

There were Distinguished visitors from Pennsylvania, Kentucky and North Dakota, and the Grand High Priest from the General Grand Chapter.

Among the 165 members who were called to their reward we note the passing of M. E. Companion Harry S. Cushwa.

Among the new appointments is R. E. Companion Frederick J. Hand as the Grand Representative near Alberta.

The per capita to Grand Chapter is 75 cents, which includes 10 cents to the West Virginia Masonic Home.

The Grand High Priest visited all the constituent Chapters once and some of them twice, travelling more than 8,000 miles. Most commendable.

In speaking of the condition of the Craft, the Grand High Priest says of the Constituent Chapters:

"They understand that the real object of Freemasonry is to encourage men to set high ideals, improve human character, strengthen the will power, enrich the mind, render mutual assistance in its many forms and thereby make men better and happier; that the pleasure, satisfaction and good fellowship which is derived from promulgating the art is a by-product and constitutes the only dividends paid. It is not possible to measure the usefulness of good accomplished by any Chapter at any given time. That fact, only Eternity can tell."

M. Ill. Companion Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite of the United States, delivered a stirring address. We have had this distinguished guest in Alberta and know it is worth while going a long way to hear him.

The retiring Grand High Priest was presented with an apron and a jewel.

M. E. Companion George M. Ford is Grand Secretary and Correspondent. He gives Alberta a generous review of a page and a half. His pages of statistics are interesting and enlightening.

46 Chapters. 11,401 Members. Loss, 426.

M.M.D.

WYOMING

The Twenty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming was held at Masonic Temple, Casper, on July 14th, 1931. M. E. Companion William N. Scott, Grand High Priest, presided.

Alberta's Grand Representative, R. E. Companion Walter B. Saunders, was present and was elected Grand Scribe. We congratulate Companion Saunders.

Distinguished visitors were: Companion Elwood Anderson, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming; R. E. Companion David V. Bell, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming; and R. E. Companion Arthur C. Stem, Deputy Grand High Priest of Nebraska.

The Grand High Priest would not permit the R. A. Degree to be conferred on one candidate only. In Alberta the candidate would be allowed to proceed with two companions acting as additional candidates.

We note one of the Chapters conferred the Past Master's Degree. We look forward to the time when our companions in the United States will place this degree where it belongs. This is becoming a live issue in some Grand Chapters south of the line.

The Grand High Priest was presented with a Past Grand High Priest's apron by his home Chapter at Green River.

Before Grand Chapter closed, M. E. Companion William N. Scott was presented with a Past Grand High Priest's jewel.

Following Grand Chapter, an entertainment and a dance were held and the drill corps of the Apollo Commandery gave an exhibition.

The Order of High Priesthood did not hold a session.

The Grand Reviewer, R. E. Companion Watson, takes two pages to tell about Alberta in 1930.

18 Chapters. 2,253 Members. Loss, 40.

M.M.D.

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Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1932 and 4,000 equal to 5,932.

ROYAL ARCH—

Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1932 and 530 equal to 2,462.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1932 and 1,000 equal to 2,932.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1932 less 1,118 equal to 814.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913, thus: 1932 and 1913 equal to 3,845.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1932 and 3,760 equal to 5,692. After September add another year.

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Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Elected Officers for 1932

- M. E. Comp. Joseph V. Follett Grand First Principal Z.
Calgary, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. Archibald West Grand Second Principal H.
Edmonton, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. Andrew Davison Grand Third Principal J.
Calgary, Alberta
- *R. E. Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)
Calgary, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. Kenneth Fraser Grand Scribe N.
Edmonton, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. William C. Black Grand Treasurer
Calgary, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. Wilfred Pearson Grand Principal Sojourner
Calgary, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. Joseph J. Webster Grand Registrar
Calgary, Alberta

*Deceased.

The Nineteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Calgary, on Wednesday, the 15th day of March, 1933.
